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I. SOVIET PEOPLE DEMAND THAT ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AND WORLD ZIONISTS STOP THEIR PROVOCATIONS

The criminal actions of the Israeli military and the extremist policies of Tel Aviv evoke great indignation among the Soviet people.

The Israeli rulers are taking the path of aggression and chauvinism when they claim the right to "represent" all the Jews. The provocative calls of Golda Meir and her henchmen for Soviet Jews to leave the Soviet Union and go to Israel have evoked the anger of Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality, as well as of all Soviet people.

Below are letters by Soviet citizens which have been published in the Soviet press, and which condemn Zionist, anti-Soviet provocations and demand an end to Israeli aggression and the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East.

REBUFF TO PROVOCATEURS

The world public is alarmed over the actions of the Israeli military aided and abetted by US imperialist circles. Tel Aviv rulers are whipping up war hysteria in the Middle East and continue to bomb peaceful Arab towns and villages. Moshe Dayan's air hawks have recently bombed the iron plant at Abu Zaabal (near Cairo) causing the death of dozen of innocent people.

The reckless adventurism of the Israeli rulers who show utter disregard for human rights has aroused universal anger

and indignation. Israeli occupationists have flouted the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. They are also hampering a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

The aggressors are set on intimidating the peaceful Arab population by criminal acts of violence. But here they miscalculated! Progressives throughout the world are on the side of the Arab peoples and support their just struggle. We approve wholeheartedly the Middle East policy of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Government. We demand that Israeli aggressors stop immediately their criminal actions.

The provocative propaganda campaign launched by Israel's rulers and international Zionist organizations fills us with indignation. We know that Zionist organizations publish more than a thousand periodicals. In Europe they put out 158 newspapers and magazines and in the USA—254 newspapers and magazines. They openly conduct rabid anti-Soviet propaganda. We are resolutely against the export of Jewish bourgeois nationalism.

Not long ago, Prime Minister Golda Meir announced in parliament that Tel Aviv would see to it that Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality "returned" to Israel, their supposed motherland. This is an open anti-Soviet move. We wonder who gave Golda Meir the right to be our spokesman? There is nothing in common between us and the Tel Aviv bosses.

The present writers are all Jewish by nationality. We reject with indignation the statement of the Israeli Prime Minister. Nobody has conferred on her the right to insult and humiliate Soviet citizens. Stop interfering in other people's affairs, Mrs. Meir. Our native land is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. We know of no better motherland. We defended her, arms in hand, with other nationalities of the USSR, in the years of the Great Patriotic War against fascist invaders. We are now building up her might.

One of the signers to the letter is Y. I. Khavkin. During the war he fought at the front and was in Berlin in 1945. For his courage and bravery he was decorated with orders of the Great Patriotic War (2nd grade), Red Star, and the Medal for Valour. For seventeen years now Yakov Iosi-

fovich Khavkin has been chairman of the "Bolshevik" collective farm. He enjoys great respect among the people. He is a deputy to the Village and the Regional Soviets of Working People's Deputies. In 1966, he was awarded the nation's highest decoration, the Order of Lenin. The collective farm he heads is among the most efficient in the area.

Every person in the Soviet Union has ample opportunities for development. L. Gurvich is a Candidate of Engineering Sciences, designer of the flax combine harvester. He has won several medals of the All-Union Exhibition of Economic Achievements.

It is unthinkable for us to live outside the Soviet Union. One can only be happy by living in one's native land. We have never been to Israel and do not need the protection and care of its leaders. The Soviet Government and the Soviet Communist Party, to which we all belong, display every concern for us. We are pained to learn that Israel has followed in the wake of fascist criminals. Golda Meir and her fascist-like friends have committed evil deeds of the type committed by the Hitlerite murderers. We shall never be able to forget the horrors of war. We paid dearly for our victory. Fascists murdered Khavkin's parents and his sister and her three-year-old child; in the city of Zhdanov they tortured to death Vestfried's mother, father, sister and brother. These were crimes committed by German fascists. But what about the crimes now being perpetrated on Arab soil? The actions of Israeli aggressors are of the same order as those committed by Hitlerites on occupied territories.

May we tell Mrs. Meir that Soviet Jews have never accepted Zionist ideology. May we tell the Israeli aggressors and their US imperialist bosses that the Soviet people, no matter of what nationality, are rallied around the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Government. We shall never betray our motherland—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Yakov KHAVKIN, chairman of the "Bolshevik" collective farm; David EFROS, chairman of the Kalinin collective farm; Lev GURVICH, Candidate of Engineering, chief of a designing laboratory; Schmarya VESTFRIED, department chief of an engineering plant, secretary of the plant's Party Bureau; Boris MAGIDOV, engineer at the All-Union Scientific-Research Institute on Flax

*Torzhok area, Kalinin region
Selskaya Zhizn, March 1, 1970*

AGGRESSORS SHALL BE PUNISHED

With indignation we follow the developments in the Middle East. The growing tension there is due to the aggressive actions of Israel's ruling quarters which are trying to retain the territories they seized from the Arab countries.

One is disgusted as one reads reports on escalations of bombings of peaceful towns and villages in Egypt. These wanton, barbarous cruelties committed for the purpose of intimidation cannot be justified. The Hitlerites gained nothing by daily bombing and shelling Leningrad. They failed to force the city's residents to their knees. The war waged by the US imperialists in Vietnam and Laos also shows that such vile methods are ineffective; they turn against those who apply them.

Tel Aviv rulers ignore the resolution of the UN Security Council of November 22, 1967 on cease-fire and the withdrawal of troops from occupied territories; they pay no heed to the demands of the world public for an end to the aggression. They seem to forget that today international issues can no longer be settled by force of arms and that abettors to aggression and their accomplices are bound to receive their due.

We approve and support the policies of our government and its efforts to ensure the peace and security of nations, to give effective aid to victims of aggression and oppose imperialist interference in the affairs of countries with progressive regimes.

We resent and condemn the attempt of Golda Meir to encroach on the rights of Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality. Her "concern," however, is obviously of a provocative character. All Soviet people of our multi-national country are linked by bonds of friendship, enjoy all the privileges and rights of the citizens of this great socialist country and are patriots of their motherland. We fully support our progressive social system which is a pioneer in the development of human society. In this society which put an end to the exploitation of man by man, great strides have been made in science, engineering and culture and the achievements of the scientific and technical revolution are used for the benefit of man and all mankind. We take pride in

our motherland and Party which proclaimed that man is friend and comrade to his fellowmen and which educates the people of our country to be Leninist internationalists, champions of peace and friendship among peoples and helpers to developing nations.

We have made a great contribution to the defence of our motherland against interventionists and aggressors; we praise the courageous deeds performed by the Soviet people who safeguarded both their country and the whole of Europe against fascist enslavement.

Our lives are devoted to realizing the cherished dream of mankind—the building of communism.

Professor A. KRISS, Doctor of Natural Science, Lenin Prize winner; Professor M. MEISEL, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences; Professor Y. RAUTENSHTEIN, Doctor of Natural Science

Moskovskaya Pravda, March 10, 1970

STOP PLAYING WITH FIRE

The staff of the Central Research Institute of Economics under the RSFSR State Planning Committee approve the statement on Middle East developments read at a press conference held on March 4, 1970 for Soviet and foreign journalists. (Material on the press conference was published in the previous issue of *Zionism: Instrument of Imperialist Reaction*, February-March, 1970, Novosti Press Agency Publishing House, Moscow.)

“Like all Soviet people, we reject the ludicrous proposal of Golda Meir that Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality should go to Israel.

“We, our children and our grandchildren, have been reared and educated in the Soviet Union. Our motherland is the Land of Soviets; for her well-being we shall spare neither effort nor energy.

“Many of us participated in the Civil War, defended our motherland in the years of the Great Patriotic War or worked in the rear for the victory of our country. The rout of fascist Germany saved from extermination and brought freedom to many nationalities, including the Jews.

"We are both patriots and internationalists. Like all Soviet people, we approve wholeheartedly the Leninist national policy of our Communist Party and government, a policy of support for the national and social emancipation of nations.

"Peace must come to the Middle East. Israel must stop its policy of annexation and extermination of the peaceful inhabitants of Arab countries. The annexationist ambitions of Zionists backed by US imperialist circles are opposed to the interests of Israeli working people and can only bring them misfortune."

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mittee

Moskovskaya Pravda, March 11, 1970

CURB THE AGGRESSORS, STOP THE CRIMES OF THE ZIONISTS

We workers in different branches of the national economy, science and culture of the Soviet Ukraine, people of Jewish nationality, have carefully studied the reports on the press conference held in Moscow on March 4, this year, and the statement by a group of public figures, statesmen, artists, writers and scientists—Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality, a statement which resolutely condemns the anti-popular policies and criminal activities of the Israeli rulers and international Zionism, encouraged and supported by US imperialism. We give our wholehearted support to this statement which reflects our thoughts and feelings, our great indignation with the imperialist Zionist plot against the peoples of the world.

We condemn the flagrant provocations of Tel Aviv. We cannot remain silent as the Israeli cutthroats commit outrages in the Middle East, killing peaceful inhabitants—old people, women and children, as the rulers of Israel resort to outright political subversion by slandering our Soviet

homeland, the Leninist national policy and the brotherly friendship of the peoples of our country.

We who have signed this letter grew up and are at present working in the Ukraine. We are well aware of the disgraceful part played by Zionist leaders in the years of the Civil War when they collaborated with Denikin and Petlyura, with Pilsudski and Wrangel, with the organisers of the bloody Jewish pogroms. We are well aware of the fact that in the years of the nazi occupation they collaborated with the Hitlerites and condemned their "fellow" Jews to torture and death. The tragedy of Babi Yar will always remain a symbol not only of the cannibalism of the nazis, but also of the disgraceful activity of the Zionists, their accomplices and followers.

We are proud of the unbreakable bonds that united the famous Sholom Aleichem to the Ukraine, proud of the fact that he did not consider any other country except Russia to be his homeland. We are proud that the Ukraine is the homeland of such writers as Mendele Moicher Sforim, Bergelson and Perez who dreamed of the day when "the Jew would feel himself a human being." After the Great October Socialist Revolution, Jewish working people did start to feel like human beings, for the first time in history. We are proud that Jewish working people, together with Russians, Ukrainians and other nationalities of our country, selflessly fought, under the guidance of the Bolsheviks, for the abolition of social and national oppression, for Soviet power.

As a result of the victory of the October Revolution and the building of socialism all the nations and nationalities in our country have acquired real freedom and happiness and a homeland. The so-called "Jewish problem," which inveterate Zionists are still trying to rake up, no longer exists in our country. For us it is hard even to imagine what sort of miserable and oppressive life we would have had were it not for the Communist Party, Soviet power and the friendship of peoples!

The signatures that appear below show perhaps better than words that here in the Ukraine, as elsewhere in the Soviet Union, people of Jewish nationality work in all branches of economy, in all fields of science and culture, enjoying the respect of their colleagues and the rights and benefits of our socialist society, on an equal footing with all

other citizens. And now the leaders of Zionism "invite" Soviet Jews to reject all this in order to serve their inveterate enemies—the Israeli "supermen," to be turned into cheap labour power or cannon fodder for the latter.

Apparently, you, leaders of Zionism, have a very poor understanding of Soviet people! You know very little about our thoughts and feelings, our inner world and way of life, our love for our Soviet homeland! We would like to tell you that your efforts are in vain. And as to life in the "promised land," meaning capitalist Israel, we are well informed about it and know very well, from the letters sent by the few who were unfortunate enough to trust you, that it is not paradise but a real hell for working men.

And now suddenly you have developed a feeling of "love" for Soviet Jews. Who gave you the right, Mrs. Meir, to show concern for us Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality? Your provocative "calls" to treason, to betray our real homeland evoke in us only a feeling of anger and scorn. Here is our reply: Soviet Jews have always had only one homeland—the Soviet Union, of which they are proud and to which they are devoted. We have no intention to change our homeland. Incidentally, being as mercenary as you are, you will not be able to understand this—you have always been vicious enemies of Arabs, Jews and working people of all nationalities, and now you are more eager than ever to serve the darkest forces of imperialism.

We demand that an end be put to the senseless and aggressive policy of the rulers of Israel in the Middle East. We fully support the just liberation struggle of the Arab peoples and the efforts to eliminate the consequences of the Israeli aggression.

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Pravda, March 12, 1970

AGGRESSION MUST BE STOPPED!

We veterans of the revolution fought for many years under the leadership of the Communist Party founded by the great Lenin against the tsarist brutal regime, against internal and external counter-revolution and against the fascist plague.

All of us took an active part in the establishment and development of the world's first socialist state, which has done away with the exploitation of man by man and the oppression of minority nationalities. The Leninist national policy has triumphed, and complete equality of all nations and nationalities has been established in the USSR.

Among our comrades are people of different nationalities: Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Jews, Armenians, Georgians and persons of other nationalities in our multi-national Soviet state.

We fully support the home and foreign policy of our Government which tries to eliminate the remnants of colonial regimes and supports the national-liberation movement of peoples.

With anger and indignation we protest against the Israeli aggression in the Middle East.

With the active support of international Zionism, an enemy of the countries of the socialist community, and with extensive material and military assistance from their impe-

rialist masters in the United States, Britain and the FRG, the Israeli extremists continue to carry out aggression against the Arab countries and refuse to fulfil the resolution of the United Nations Security Council, withdraw their troops from the seized territories, and stop their atrocities against the Arab peoples.

The Israeli Government is pursuing racist and fascist policy in the Middle East.

We demand that an end be put to the aggression of the Israeli rulers who are fanning the flames of war in the Middle East and driving the people of their country to catastrophe.

F. N. PETROV (CPSU member since 1896); Y. V. DOROFYEV (CPSU member since 1907); M. L. GOBERMAN (CPSU member since 1911); C. T. KHAVKIN (CPSU member since 1911); N. S. OGANESOV (CPSU member since 1913); A. A. DENISOV (CPSU member since 1912); F. I. VENTSKOVICH (CPSU member since 1913); N. V. VESELOVSKY (CPSU member since 1912); M. P. YEFREMOV (CPSU member since 1914); E. A. MIKHEYEV (CPSU member since 1914); M. G. ROSHAL (CPSU member since 1915); IVANOVA-TERENTIEVA (CPSU member since 1915); M. P. KHAVKIN (CPSU member since 1916); A. F. KUZOVATKIN (CPSU member since 1915); M. I. GARYUTIN (CPSU member since 1916); P. G. GLEBOV (CPSU member since 1916); M. Y. BABINA (CPSU member since 1917); K. R. ROMANOV (CPSU member since 1917); A. D. MALYSHEV (CPSU member since 1917); N. D. CHUGUNKIN (CPSU member since 1917); A. A. KRASNOGORSKY (CPSU member since 1917); E. F. PETUSHKOVA (CPSU member since 1917); L. I. ROSENBERG (CPSU member since 1917); A. N. DOLIN (CPSU member since 1917); I. N. KALINKIN (CPSU member since 1917); I. A. SHEFER (CPSU member since 1917); N. N. KARDASHEVA (CPSU member since 1917); E. O. YUZH-NAYA-MOKHOVA (CPSU member since 1917); K. D. LESHCHINER (CPSU member since 1917); P. G. TITOV (CPSU member since 1917); A. B. RYAZANTSEV (CPSU member since 1917); V. A. IVANOV (CPSU member since 1917); S. A. VELICHKO-OKSMAN (CPSU member since 1917); A. G. IPATOV (CPSU member since 1917); Y. B. LYUBMAN (CPSU member since 1917); E. Y. BARSKAYA (CPSU member since 1917); I. A. LABETSKY (CPSU member since 1917); I. P. GORYA (CPSU member since 1917); D. Y. ZAITSEV (CPSU member since 1917); N. F. IZMAILOV (CPSU member since 1917); N. V. RAPOPORT

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Pravda, March 13, 1970

STOP ESCALATION OF WAR

The Soviet people denounce the acts of terrorism perpetrated by Israel against peaceful civilians in the Arab countries. The Israeli aggressors and their US protectors must not go unpunished.

The Israeli rulers trample underfoot the resolutions of the UN Security Council and ignore the demand of the world progressive public to stop escalation of the war in the Middle East. However, their policy is bound to fail.

History shows that a policy of aggression and race hatred, such as that conducted by Israel today, is doomed to defeat.

We, workers at the All-Union Scientific-Research Institute of Industrial Design, strongly denounce the actions of Israeli provocateurs. We believe in the triumph of the just cause of the peoples fighting for freedom and independence.

Y. SOLOVYOV, director of the institute, Candidate of Arts; V. MUNIPOV, deputy director, Candidate of Psychology; Professor V. ZINCHENKO, Doctor of Psychology, A. DIZHUR, chief of the Department of Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Information; V. VENDA, Candidate of Engineering

Moskovskaya Pravda, March 14, 1970

PROFOUND INDIGNATION

A press conference for newspaper, magazine, radio and TV writers was held at the Riga Friendship House. Soviet Jews in the arts and sciences and working in the economy of Latvia expressed their indignation at the aggressive ac-

tions of the Israeli ultras against Arab countries and the efforts of Israeli rulers to seem "concerned" about Jews living in the USSR.

The following statement was read at the press conference on behalf of the participants:

In view of the continued aggression against Arab states, we, a group of Soviet Jews living in the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic, protest against the crimes of the Israeli military and the ruling extremist circles.

We also are speaking out in view of the audacity of the rulers of Israel, particularly Prime Minister Golda Meir, declaring Soviet Jews should emigrate to Israel which is supposedly their real homeland.

It is perfectly clear that, like the war waged by Israel, such assertions are the product of imperialist-Zionist plotting, a result of the policy of international Zionism which was and remains a tool of the most reactionary aggressive circles.

Those of us who were born, grew up and lived in Latvia well know and remember the harm done by the Zionists to the cause of the working class, the cause of the progressive intelligentsia; the strife provoked in the struggle of the Jewish proletariat, diverting it from the genuine class struggle; their support of the Jewish bourgeoisie, which, like any bourgeoisie, is the oppressor of the working masses.

We are not surprised that some Zionist leaders who came from Latvia hold leading posts in the Israeli Government and are taking an active part in the vile nationalist slander against the Soviet Union, the peace-loving policy of our Party and Government, are distorting in every way the truth about the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union, trying to picture the Jews in the Soviet Union as down-trodden, persecuted and doomed to a miserable existence.

Our answer to this is that many Jews living in Latvia actively participated in the struggle against the exploiters, including the Jewish bourgeoisie. In this struggle they marched shoulder to shoulder with Letts and Russians. This can be seen from the history of the revolutionary movement in 1905, the years of struggle for the victory of the Great October Revolution, and during the period of bourgeois Latvia.

A considerable number of Jewish servicemen—privates, sergeants and officers—in the 130th Lettish Rifle Corps took

part in hostilities during the Great Patriotic War. They fought for our true homeland, for the multinational Land of Soviets, for the happiness of Soviet Latvia.

Here are a few figures illustrating the role played by Soviet Jews in various aspects of life in Latvia.

In the Soviets of our Republic 72 deputies are of Jewish nationality. There are 80 Jewish scientists in institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Latvian Republic, including four with a D.Sc. and 27 with a M.Sc. degree. A number of Latvian Jews have won State Prizes of the Republic. Hundreds of Jews study at the Republic's higher educational establishments.

We are legitimately incensed at the fuss raised by the Pied Pipers of international Zionism to get Soviet Jews to move to Israel.

The multinational Soviet Union is our homeland. It is the land of our fathers and forefathers, our children and grandchildren. We are devoted to our Party, our Government, we are bound by blood ties forever with the great multimillioned, multinational family of Soviet peoples.

The Leninist national policy is directed against all manifestations of chauvinism and nationalism, including Zionism and anti-Semitism. Our Party is solving the national question on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and internationalism which vividly express the interests of all the working people of the world and attract the masses throughout the globe.

We are in no way moved by the demagogical statements of Golda Meir and the other Zionist rulers of Israel but we are deeply disturbed by the fact that war continues in the Middle East, that young men and women of Israel and Arab states are killed, that old folk, women and children perish. Completely losing their sense of reality and prudence, the Israeli military continue this criminal policy to suit the US imperialists.

We demand that the Israeli rulers stop the aggression, withdraw from the seized lands and adhere to the resolution of the UN Security Council of November 22, 1967. The war in the Middle East must be stopped—such is the will of the peace-loving peoples, of all men and women of good will, including the peoples of our homeland, the Soviet Union. The extremists who seized power in Israel and their patrons from the USA must know this.

We Soviet Jews once again emphasize that we fully support the peace-loving foreign policy of our Party, of our Government.

Professor A. F. BLYUGER, Doctor of Medicine, Professor of the Riga Medical Institute; Assistant Professor M. G. VULFSON, Academy of Arts of the Republic; Academician S. A. GILLER, Director of the Institute of Organic Synthesis, Academy of Sciences of the Latvian Republic, State Prizes winner; MIKHAIL ZORIN, writer; Assistant Professor P. Y. KRUPNIKOV, the Stucka State University of Latvia; E. K. PASTERNAK, head of the Department of Museums of Fine Arts and Protection of Monuments, Ministry of Culture of the Latvian Republic; K. D. PERMONT, head of the Personnel Department of the State Vocational Training Committee of the Council of Ministers of the Latvian Republic; A. A. SHOMSHEIN, deputy head of the Central Material and Technical Supply Board of the Council of Ministers of the Latvian Republic; Professor R. L. SHUB, Doctor of Medicine, head of the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Riga Medical Institute

Pravda, March 14, 1970

PUT AN END TO CRIMES!

We Jewish workers in the Hero-City of Kiev, the capital of the Soviet Ukraine, wrathfully condemn the unceasing aggressive actions of the Israeli military against Arab countries and indignantly protest the air raids on peaceful towns and villages of the UAR, Syria and Jordan. We, who have lived through the horrors of fascist barbarism in the years of the Great Patriotic War, cannot keep silent when Zionist-racialists, following in the footsteps of the nazi-butchers, are persecuting and terrorising the Arab population in Israel-occupied Arab territories wiping their homes off the face of the earth, depriving them of their land and their possessions.

We fully support the statement issued by a group of public leaders and statesmen, by people in the arts, literature and sciences on March 4 at a press conference in Moscow, and the statement published in *Pravda* on March 12, by Soviet Jews, workers in various sectors of the national economy, science and culture of the Soviet Ukraine, denounc-

ing the criminal actions of Israeli extremists and international Zionists, inspired by US imperialists.

As members of a close-knit working family in the world's first socialist state, who have been brought up by the Leninist Party in a spirit of proletarian internationalism and friendship between nations, any manifestations of nationalism, chauvinism and racial discrimination are alien to us.

The history of revolutionary movement in our country, including the revolutionary movement in Kiev, provides vivid illustrations of how workers of all nationalities, shoulder to shoulder, fought autocracy, capitalism, social and national oppression. Meanwhile, the Zionists, like all nationalists, collaborated with the forces of counter-revolution and conspired with Wrangel, Denikin, Petlyura, the Central Rada and Hetman Skoropadski.

As part of Russia's proletariat, Jewish workers fought for the victory of the Great October Revolution which put an end to the "Jewish pale" and to the "Jewish question" once and for all. The doors of big industrial enterprises were opened to Jewish workers, they became foremen, highly skilled workers in leading trades and active builders of communism.

Together with workers of various nationalities engaged in Kiev factories and plants, Jewish workers participate in implementing the targets set by the 23rd CPSU Congress and the 23rd Congress of the Ukrainian Communist Party, in endeavouring to carry out the five-year plan ahead of schedule and to mark the Lenin birth centenary with fitting accomplishments.

Soviet reality and the status of Jews in socialist society fully disprove the slanderous propaganda of the despicable Zionists who preach class peace, divert working people from the class struggle and whip up national dissent. The working class has always come out against nationalism in any shape. This is why we reject Zionism which in imperialist hands has today become an instrument of struggle against democracy, socialism and national-liberation movements.

We have this to say to the Zionists: don't worry about the lot of Soviet Jews. We have our own homeland—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Together with all fraternal peoples, Soviet Jews defended their homeland's freedom, honour and independence in the struggle against fasc-

ism. Our life and the future of our children and grandchildren are connected with the Soviet homeland.

The International Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties in Moscow last year, stressed that the historic mission of the working class and all anti-imperialist forces struggling for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism was to put an end to the criminal actions of imperialism and to curb the aggressors.

We, the authors of this letter, on behalf of Kiev workers of Jewish nationality, resolutely demand that the Israeli military stop their aggression and withdraw their troops from Arab territories.

We wholeheartedly approve and unanimously support the policy of the CPSU Central Committee and the Soviet Government, seeking to create conditions for the peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis. We assure our Communist Party and Soviet Government that we will spare no effort to build up the might of our homeland which, together with all peace-loving nations, is actively and consistently struggling for peace and international security all over the world.

N. I. BOROZIN, mortising-machine operator at the "Bolshevik" plant; Z. N. BOIMEL, fitter at a paper factory; I. M. BEIGEL, assembly fitter at the "Leninskaya Kuznitsa" plant; S. I. VINOGRADOV, lathe-operator at the "Kievlyanka" knitted-goods factory; E. R. VAINSHTEIN, mechanical fitter at a transport depot; M. I. GROSSMAN, fitter at the "Kievprigor" plant; M. Z. GERSHENZON, thread-cutter at the "Ukrkabel" plant; L. F. DASHEVSKY, electric fitter at a chemical fibre factory; B. M. ELEVICH, fitter; G. A. ZAITSEV, employed at a jewelry factory; R. G. ZAVADSKY, driver at automobile depot No. 09122; G. Y. ZEIDA, fitter; M. B. RONDEL, fitter at the "Remtochmekhanika" plant; A. S. KAZHDAN, forgesmith at the Lepse plant; K. O. KUPER, finishing operator at the Bozhenko factory; I. Y. KUSHNIRSKY, concrete worker at housing trust No. 1; Z. S. KRAMER-MORUKHAI, fitter at the municipal equipment repair plant; L. I. LETSKAN, machine-operation instructor at the Darnitsa locomotive depot; S. B. PEKUROVSKY, adjustment fitter; E. K. RADOMYSELSKY, lathe-operator at an experimental plant; Y. S. RYBAK, quality control inspector; D. E. RAITVIN, electric fitter; Y. L. SIGAL, electrical welder of bridge-building group No. 2; A. L. TAVER, milling-machine operator at the "Torgmash" plant; B. S. FINKEL, lathe-operator at the "Rentok" plant; F. A. FRIEDMAN,

heat-treatment operator at the motor-cycle plant; S. F. KHOTINSKY, electrician at the "Transsignal" plant; A. I. SHAKHNOVICH, electrician at the Kallinin plant; M. B. SHIMONOVSKY, lathe-operator at the "Krasny Rezinshchik" plant; M. I. YUDITSKAYA, computer operator at the "Glavmekhshchot" factory

Pravda, March 15, 1970

RETRIBUTION IS INEVITABLE

We, workers of industrial enterprises, state and collective farms in Moscow region, Jews by nationality, resolutely protest against the aggressive actions of the Israeli military. The situation in the Middle East has been strained for more than two years now. The aggressive war unleashed by the Tel Aviv war-mongering quarters against the Arab states has aroused the wrath and indignation of all progressive mankind. Those who cherish peace and tranquillity and engage in peaceful endeavours cannot remain silent.

Of course, the Israeli military would not have dared to commit such reckless acts against the neighbouring nations had it not been encouraged by the imperialists, American above all. In their recent statement a number of public and state personalities, as well as workers in the fields of art, literature and science—Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality—resolutely condemned the anti-popular policy and criminal activities of the Israeli rulers and international Zionism. We adhere to this statement. The aggressors must be curbed, and Zionist atrocities must be stopped. Peaceful civilians in Arab countries are subjected to bombing. The Israeli bandits destroy non-military objects, murder women, old folk and children. In so doing they draw on the experience of the fascist killers. The Tel Aviv provocateurs ought to remember the lessons of history. They will not escape punishment for their crimes.

We are profoundly indignant at the attempts of the Israeli rulers and Zionist quarters of other countries to speak on behalf of all Jews. What right have they to do so? Such attempts arouse our wrathful protests. We grew up in the Soviet country where we received our education and have

jobs to our liking. Our children study at schools and colleges. There can be nothing in common between us and the Israeli aggressors. We can imagine the urge of the Tel Aviv rulers to turn Soviet Jews into cannon fodder and to have them pull Israel's burning chestnuts out of fire, and commit robbery on Arab soil. Nothing doing! Mind you—Zionist ring-leaders—your schemes are doomed to fail! There is no need for us to go to Israel. Each of us has and will always have one motherland—the great Land of Soviets. We are proud of it, and we glorify it by our labour. We shall defend it, arms in hand, from the encroachments of any aggressor.

On our own behalf and on behalf of our fellow Jews we demand that the aggressors be curbed and all seized Arab lands freed. We wholeheartedly support the wise Leninist policy pursued by our Communist Party and the Soviet Government designed to establish peace in the Middle East and render the Arab countries all-round assistance in repulsing the military aggression of the Israeli invaders.

Within the close-knit family of the Soviet nations we shall make an even greater effort for the further strengthening and flourishing of our wonderful motherland—bulwark of peace and freedom of nations throughout the world.

I. F. BLECH, garage superintendent, the "Moskovetsky" state farm, Odintsovo district; L. Y. BEILINSON, chairman of the "Put k Kommunizmu" collective farm, Pushkino district; F. H. KILIMNIK, chief agronomist, the Ramenskoye state farm, Candidate of Agricultural Science; V. I. BERKOVICH, chief engineer, the "Gorki-2" farm, Odintsovo district; Z. A. RATUSHNY, horticulturist, the "Pamyat Ilyicha" state farm, Pushkino district; R. F. SEMYONOVA, team leader, the "Pamyat Ilyicha" state farm, Pushkino district; L. B. LEVIN, fitter, the Bratsevo poultry farm, Solnechnogorsk district; I. T. SHIGER, team leader, the "Kuznetsovsky" state farm, Naro-Fominsk district; B. A. TROYANSKY, fitter, the Lyubertsy trade equipment plant; G. M. GERZHGORINA, hot-house expert, the Mossovet state farm, Lyubertsy district; A. L. KHENKIN, assistant foreman, the Monino factory of worsted fabrics, Shchyolkovo district; I. M. SHNAIBERMAN, lathe-operator, the Chepelevsky state farm, Chekhov district; N. N. VAKSMAN, worker, the Kuntsevo poultry farm, Odintsovo district; G. I. SHAKHTMAN, machine-operator, the "Akrikhin" factory, Noginsk district; I. M. ZAKSENBERG,

chief live-stock expert, the Vladimir Ilyich collective farm, Moscow region; S. M. PAUKOV, Chairman of the Dzerzhinsky collective farm, Lyubertsy district; N. L. KHAZANOV, leader of a horticulturist team, the state farm named after the 21st Congress of the CPSU, Lenin district

Pravda, March 18, 1970

AN END MUST BE PUT TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION

We, professors and heads of departments at the Central Institute for Advanced Medical Studies, Communists and non-Party people, are indignant over the unending aggression against the Arab peoples carried out by the Israeli ruling circles with the support of US imperialists.

The aggression is inspired by Zionism which represents the most reactionary, chauvinistic views of the Jewish capitalist circles.

Together with all the citizens of our beloved socialist country we scientists of Jewish nationality fully approve the policy of our Communist Party and Government, aimed at a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict and the curbing of the aggressor.

The medical profession is among the most humane professions in the world. That is why we resolutely protest against the barbaric raids of peaceful Arab cities and villages by Israeli aircraft, against the killing of the civilian population.

Israel must stop its policy of conquest and withdraw from occupied territory unconditionally.

We representatives of the older generation of Soviet doctors of Jewish nationality, who, together with all the peoples of our united multinational country, took an active part in the Great Patriotic War against fascism, are indignant at the provocative calls of the Israeli Government for us to leave our socialist country where we are full-fledged citizens, and active builders of communism. We would like

to tell the Israeli Government that our real native land is the Soviet Union.

Professor E. M. BELOSTOTSKAYA, head of the Department of Children's and Juvenile Hygiene, Doctor of Medicine; Professor A. E. RABUKHIN, head of the TB Department, Honoured Scientific Worker, Doctor of Medicine; Professor S. M. LEITES, head of the Department of Pathophysiology, Honoured Scientific Worker, Doctor of Medicine; Professor P. E. ZABLUDOVSKY, head of the Department of the History of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine; Assistant Professor A. M. TIMKO, head of the Department of Medical Service, Candidate of Medicine; Professor G. M. RASHEVSKAYA, head of the Department Prophylactic Pathology, Doctor of Medicine; Professor M. E. SUKHAREVA, head of the Department of Children's Infectious Diseases, Doctor of Medicine; Professor D. V. KAN, head of the Department of Urogynaecology, Doctor of Medicine; Professor M. B. TSUKER, head of the Department of Children's Neuropathology, Doctor of Medicine

Moskovskaya Pravda, March 18, 1970

ZIONISTS REBUFFED

Tbilisi. A press conference was held here following the provocative Zionist outcry about the "position of Jews" in the USSR. It was called by the republican Journalists' Union on the request of Jews living in Georgia.

Among the speakers at the conference were Abram Papismedov, team leader of the collective farm in Tsiteligori village, Lagodekhi district; Roman Gorelashvili, Merited Artiste of the Georgian SSR, Professor of the Tbilisi Conservatory; Rafael Yeligulashvili, Deputy to the Georgian SSR Supreme Soviet and President of the Chamber of Commerce of Georgia; Mikhail Chachashvili, Merited Physician of the Georgian SSR, chief surgeon at the Central Hospital in Oni district, veteran of the Great Patriotic War; Simon Shataashvili, D.Sc. (Phys. Math.); Gigla Khukhashvili, writer; and others. They demanded an end to the imperialist conspiracy in the Middle East and exposed the reactionary role of international Zionism.

The following statement was made public at the press conference:

As the military of Israel, abetted by Western militarist circles, above all by US imperialists, continues its aggressive war against the Arab states, as the situation that has developed in the Middle East threatens world peace, we citizens of Jewish nationality of the Georgian SSR, who have gathered here from all parts of the Republic, resolutely condemn the Zionist provocateurs.

The war unleashed by Israel is an imperialist and aggressive war. It has nothing in common with the vital interests of the mass of the Jewish people. We, therefore, together with all progressive mankind, denounce the policy pursued by Israel's ruling clique. The leaders of international Zionism and the rulers of the Israeli state call on us to go to the "sacred" "promised" land. They claim to speak for the Soviet Jews. But what kind of "return" can these "intercessors" talk about? Our motherland is the land where our forebears lived from time immemorial, where we freely live today and work for the good of our great country.

The Georgian Jews enjoy all rights and benefits in our Republic. The Soviet state has opened before them a wide road towards creative and fruitful work. Thus, for example, 68 of the Deputies to the Supreme Soviet and local Soviets of the Georgian SSR are Georgian Jews. We have among us nine Doctors and 80 Candidates of Science.

We regard as demagogic and provocative the statement made by the leaders of Zionism and the Government of Israel about the supposed persecutions of Jews in our country and about their alleged wish to go to Israel.

We categorically declare: no, gentlemen in Tel Aviv, all your attempts to tear us away from our country and turn us into cannon fodder and a blind instrument of your adventurist policy are in vain!

We are deeply convinced that today all aggressive designs and schemes are doomed to failure, that the sacred cause of the struggle of the peoples for peace will triumph.

Y. Y. ADZHAMELASHVILI, worker at the Tbilisi silk-weaving mill, Deputy to the Tbilisi Ordzhonikidze District Soviet; S. M. BATIASHVILI, chief designer at the Kutaisi motor works; Assistant Professor M. S. BINIASHVILI, Georgian Polytechnical Institute; Professor R. I. GORELASHVILI, Merited Artiste of the Georgian SSR, Tbilisi Conservatory;

M. D. DAVITASHVILI, journalist, Deputy to the Georgian SSR Supreme Soviet, editor of the republican newspaper *Soplis Tskhovreba*; I. I. ELIASHVILI, director of "Tbilobuvtorg"; R. S. ELIGULASHVILI, President of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce, Deputy to the Georgian SSR Supreme Soviet; K. I. MAMISTVALOV, worker at the Tskhinval wood-working combine; D. R. MELUKHA, journalist; I. D. MIKHELASHVILI, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kulashi Settlement Soviet, Samtred district; M. P. RIZHINASHVILI, chief engineer at the Kutaisi Construction Administration of the Ministry of Light Industry of the Georgian SSR; A. K. PAPISMEDOV, team leader of the collective farm in Tsiteligori village, Lagodekhi district; A. I. TSITSIASHVILI, Candidate of History, F. D. PICHKHVADZE, chief of the organization department, Gruzorg, veteran of the Great Patriotic War, Retired Major; M. I. CHACHASHVILI, chief surgeon, Central Hospital of Oni district, Merited Physician of the Georgian SSR; M. I. DZHANASHVILI, artist; G. M. KHUKHASHVILI, writer; Professor S. K. SHATASHVILI, Doctor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences; T. R. TSITSUASHVILI, division head of the State Bank

Krasnaya Zvezda, March 19, 1970

SHAME ON THE ZIONIST PROVOCATEURS

We, Moscow workers of Jewish nationality, vigorously condemn the aggression of the Israeli military against the Arab nations and wrathfully protest against the heinous crimes committed by the Tel Aviv rulers with the help of their Washington backers.

We are appalled at the statements by certain Israeli rulers, particularly Golda Meir, claiming that Soviet Jews should settle in Israel which is allegedly their real homeland. It is absolutely clear that such claims can and should be assessed as lies and calumny being spread by the Zionist gentlemen for their own ends. We fully realize that the criminal war being waged by Israel is a manifestation of imperialist policies. Seeking in every way to step up the number of emigrants to Israel, its rulers thereby hope to secure cannon fodder for their predatory army. We know from the Soviet press that certain "experts on the Jewish question" sought to interpret the press conference held in

the Soviet Union on the situation in the Middle East from their Zionist positions. But the aims and wishes of these people are clear enough. They seek to aggravate the conflict in that part of the globe and support the policy of international Zionism.

The victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution made us free and equal citizens of the Soviet socialist homeland. The Jewish pale, pogroms and other anti-semitic manifestations were done away with. Our homeland is the Soviet Union. Side by side with the great Russian people, with all nations of our country, citizens of Jewish nationality fought during the years of the Great Patriotic War. Many of our fathers and elder brothers gave their lives for our Moscow, for our homeland. We cherish the traditions of our elder generation. Now, jointly with factory and office workers of different nationalities who live and work in Moscow, we Jewish workers share in solving tasks posed by the 23rd Congress of the CPSU. We strive to accomplish the five-year plan ahead of time and to make a worthy contribution in honour of the Lenin centenary.

So Mrs. Golda Meir had better not waste her energy on mendacious appeals and assertions. We workers, like all other Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality—engineers, technicians, scientists, artists and writers—have nothing in common either with Mrs. Meir or with the leaders of Zionist organizations and cannot have anything in common with them. Their interests are profoundly alien to us. But we understand and hold dear the interests of the working people in Arab countries, suffering from Israeli aggression, just as the interests of the working Jews in Israel.

We are outraged at the barbaric actions of the Israeli military which, seeking to please the USA imperialists and to safeguard their profits, are raining bombs and shells on peaceful Arab people. But the Zionist clique should realize their crimes will not remain unpunished. The Israeli extremists are resolutely condemned by peoples of different countries, by all upright Jews wherever they live.

We censure the Zionist provocateurs and demand a stop to the military adventure, to the barbaric actions against the Arab nations. The Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, must be observed.

We entirely support the peace-loving policy of our Leninist Communist Party and Soviet Government. We shall

devote all our forces, knowledge and energy to the further strengthening of the might of our great socialist homeland which is consistently upholding the cause of peace on earth and international security.

M. BALINER, electrician, the "Moskvichka" garment factory; S. BARZMAN, pivot-fitter, the Likhachyov motor works; G. BOKLER, mechanic, the "Znamya Truda" plant; P. BRANTMAN, lathe-operator, the Kuibyshev electric engineering plant; R. GERTSOVSKAYA, embroideress, the "Moskvichka" garment factory; Z. GONCHARUK, chief storekeeper, the Kuibyshev electric engineering plant; Y. ZHITOMIRSKY, fitter, the "Znamya Truda" plant; M. KRENGAUZ, senior foreman, "Vladimir Ilyich" plant; P. LEIZEROVICH, senior electrician, "Vladimir Ilyich" plant; A. LIKUMOVICH, loader, the "Znamya Truda" plant; Y. NEPOMNYASHCHY, fitter, the Kuibyshev electric engineering plant; Y. NULMAN, fitter, the "Kalibr" plant; A. PISAREVSKY, loader, the "Znamya Truda" plant; S. SEREBRYANNY, trimming fitter, the Kuibyshev electric engineering plant; G. SLOBODNIK, grinder; B. SLUCHEVSKY, lathe-operator, a tool plant; H. FLEISHMAN, fitter, the Likhachyov motor works; V. FREIDLIN, fitter, the "Kalibr" plant; R. ENDEL, pleating worker, the "Moskvichka" garment factory

Pravda, March 20, 1970

JUDGEMENT OF THE PEOPLES

We, veteran members of the Communist Party, people of different nationalities living in our Soviet motherland, give our wholehearted support to the letter of protest, written by the veterans of the Great October Socialist Revolution and published in *Pravda* on March 13, 1970, against the insolent provocations of the Israeli rulers.

We took part in the struggle against internal and external counter-revolution during the Civil War and fought the German fascists in the Great Patriotic War. We helped in the foundation and the consolidation of the Soviet socialist state in which the exploitation of man by man and the oppression of individual nationalities have been abolished.

The Israeli ruling circles slander our motherland by claiming that Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality are sub-

ject to discrimination. It is common knowledge that all Soviet citizens enjoy equal rights irrespective of their nationality, that they are united by ties of fraternity. Tel Aviv's propaganda organs have launched this smear campaign in order to divert the attention of the world public from the atrocities the Israeli military are committing in the occupied territories of Arab countries.

With the active support of US military circles and international Zionism, the Israeli extremists—malicious enemies of the working people of all countries—are stepping up aggression; they refuse to comply with the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, and withdraw their troops from the occupied territories and stop their atrocities against the Arab peoples.

An end must be put to the aggressive actions of the Israeli military.

Like all Soviet people we fully support the foreign and home policy of our Communist Party and Soviet Government which are resolutely and consistently defending world peace and security.

E. Y. TETINA (CPSU member since 1910);
L. Y. TETINA (CPSU member since 1913);
G. O. LYASKIN (CPSU member since 1918);
A. A. PAVLOV (CPSU member since 1918);
E. G. KOLCHINSKY (CPSU member since 1919);
M. L. FALYANO (CPSU member since 1919);
N. E. BOIKO (CPSU member since 1919);
A. D. MARANS (CPSU member since 1919);
F. M. SOLODOV (CPSU member since 1919);
S. N. BEININ (CPSU member since 1919);
V. I. SHUNEVICH (CPSU member since 1919);
I. I. GELLER (CPSU member since 1920);
D. M. LEVINA (CPSU member since 1920)

Moskovskaya Pravda, March 20, 1970

SHAME ON TEL AVIV'S PROVOCATEURS

We builders of the Jewish Autonomous Region resolutely condemn Israeli aggression against the Arab peoples. We wrathfully protest against the declarations made by Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and other Israeli rulers that Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality should go and live in Israel, their alleged native land. We regard such declara-

tions as lies and slander. Translated from the Pharisaical language of the Zionist this means: "Betray your socialist country; betray the fraternal peoples of your country, with whom hand in hand you had accomplished the October Revolution, fought against fascism, built towns and cities, and plants and factories and tilled the land. Betray them and in return you will enter the capitalist 'paradise,' you will be given the right to kill Arabs and to die for the interests of Tel Aviv's ruling clique and the US imperialists backing it."

Is this not a "tempting" prospect? Mrs. Golda Meir, who demands the "return" of Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality from the Soviet Union to Israel, should not waste her energy on slanderous appeals and allegations. Like all the other Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality we do not and cannot have anything in common neither with Tel Aviv's extremists nor with the leaders of Zionist organizations. We say: "Mir veln undzer shtetl alein bashtein," which means: "We shall stand up for ourselves without your help." War is raging on the banks of the Jordan; large-scale construction is under way in the Amur region. There one destroys; here one builds. A clear blue sky stretches over Birobidzhan. Its people enjoy the fresh spring air, their peaceful life and work.

We are builders. We build dwelling houses, cultural establishments and industrial enterprises. For the achievements in economic and cultural construction the Jewish Autonomous Region has been awarded the Order of Lenin, the highest award in the Soviet Union. We builders have also contributed substantially to this. We have built plants and factories which produce harvester combines, power transformers, furniture, shoes, paper and knitted wear.

All of us belong to work collectives: at large and small construction sites in both town and country. We design farm machinery, mine gold, treat patients and solve economic tasks in the local republican and state organs. Russians, Jews, Ukrainians and Nanaians all work together. And it never occurs to anybody to wonder about his neighbour's nationality. Our fellow townsman Vladimir Izrailevich Peller, chairman of the "Zavety Ilyicha" (Lenin's Behests) collective farm, Hero of Socialist Labour, winner of the Order of Glory, Deputy of the Khabarovsk Territorial Soviet of Working People's Deputies, was right when he said at a

regional meeting of Jewish Working People: "I do not look into my passport every day to see what my nationality is, nor do I do this every month or even every year. I have forgotten to think about this."

In our country the national question has been solved once and for all in the name of friendship among the Soviet peoples. Golda Meir and her friends are once again pulling the stail "ideas" of rabid nationalism out of the rubbish heap of history. Speaking at the above-mentioned regional meeting of Jewish working people, Saveli Borisovich Grinberg, a team leader of fitters of the "Birobidzhanstroï" building trust, a veteran of the Great Patriotic War and a winner of the Order of Lenin and the Order of the Red Star, expressed all our feelings when he said: "Instead of butting into other people's affairs the Israeli rulers had better think about the affairs of their own country, withdraw their troops from the occupied Arab territories and live in peace with their neighbours. This would be the most sensible policy for the Israeli state and its future."

That is our stand, gentlemen Zionists. We should also like to add: We cannot travel one and the same road; in vain are your attempts to split our Soviet family.

In the centre of Birobidzhan, the capital of the Jewish Autonomous Region, two streets run parallel to each other. They are named after Lenin and Sholom Aleichem. We have built them and given them these names. Is not this symbolic?

So who are those whom Mrs. Golda Meir is out to save, and from what? A skilled worker from his favourite job? A builder from his architectural work? All of us from our peaceful labour which has earned us honour and respect?

You are quite mistaken, Mrs. Golda Meir!

True to our Soviet country whose full-fledged citizens we are, together with the entire Soviet people, we are closing our ranks. We give our wholehearted support to the peaceful policy of our Leninist Communist Party and our Soviet Government and will continue to fight in the front ranks for freedom, democracy, peace and world security.

YAKOV GOLDMAN, chief of architectural design shop No. 6 of "Khabarovskgrazhdanproekt" Institute; MIKHAIL ZELIGER, bricklayer of "Birobidzhanstselinstroi" trust, communist shock worker; FIRA KOFMAN, chairman of building committee,

building department No. 254; EFIM KRICHEVSKY, team leader of decorators of building department No. 254; KIM KUNIN, chief of building-and-fitting department No. 1 of "Birobidzhantselinstroi" trust; ALEXANDER KATS, chief engineer for safety engineering of building-and-fitting department No. 1; ALEXANDER KRIGER, chief architect of Birobidzhan; YAKOV LYUBOMIRSKY, leader of a team of decorators of building-and-fitting department No. 1; DAVID FUKSMAN, chief of building department No. 254 of the "Birobidzhanstroï" trust; EFIM YURKOVSKY, team leader of a team of building department No. 254; IHIL YUZEFOVSKY, joiner of building-and-fitting department No. 1.

Birobidzhan Stroitel'naya Gazeta, March 25, 1970

WE ARE EQUALS AMONG EQUALS

The provocative call by Golda Meir for Soviet people of Jewish nationality "to return to the land of their forbears" has been justly rebuffed at numerous meetings of working people and in the Soviet press. We students are also eager to speak our mind to the ruling Zionist clique of Israel.

Though we do not have such experience or knowledge as the veterans of the Great Patriotic War, of labour and scientific study, such as General A. A. Dragunsky, Academician M. B. Mitin or collective-farm chairman and Hero of Socialist Labour, I. A. Yegudin, we are well aware of our place in the ranks of builders of communism and of our responsibility for what takes place in the world. This awareness gives us the right to raise our voice against Tel Aviv's provocations.

We are preparing ourselves for a humane profession, that of a teacher, an educator of the younger generation. We are guided in life by the lofty ideas of peace, creative labour and friendship among peoples. After graduation most of us will work in the village.

The foul deeds and bloody atrocities perpetrated by the Israeli aggressors on the occupied land of the Arab peoples are utterly incompatible with our ideals, views and aspirations. We cannot even imagine living in a country that commits aggression against the neighbouring peoples and

makes a living from the sops it receives from the imperialist sharks, the leaders of international Zionism. For us Israel has never been and will never be the "native land of all Jews." We are true to our Soviet people, our native Soviet country and the Communist Party which has reared and educated us, and we shall never fail to carry out our patriotic duty to our real native country contrary to all Zionist expectations.

We abhor all forms of racism and nationalism, all propagation of one's exclusiveness or superiority. All crimes against freedom and humanity, whether they are perpetrated in Vietnam by murderers paid in dollars or by Israeli henchmen in the Middle East, fill us equally with indignation. And when Dayan and other Tel Aviv's tycoons call upon Jewish people living outside Israel to give aid to the Jews in Israel, or to be more precise, to Israel's ruling clique, we think of our sacred duty to give aid to the victims of Israeli aggression: Arabs and the Jewish working people who are languishing under the yoke of imperialism and their "brethren," the Zionist capitalists. We express our solidarity with those who are fighting for freedom and peace.

We who have been brought up by the Leninist Kom-somol cannot tread the same road with the Meirs and Dayans who have friends and allies among the butchers of Majdanek, Auschwitz and other fascist factories of death where people were murdered by the revanchists, neo-nazis and their like.

The Soviet Constitution guarantees each citizen of our country the right to education.

At our Institute there are many Jews among the students and the teaching staff. The latter includes: B. I. Kotlyar, head of the department of physics; K. P. Lyubarsky, head of the department of foreign languages; M. S. Brodsky, head of the department of mathematics; Z. V. Orniz, head of the department of physical culture; R. A. Verkholaz, head of the department of music. All of them enjoy the affection and respect of the multinational student collective. No one has ever opposed students of other nationalities to us Jews, and we would like to tell Meir and all her followers: do not protect us from the mythological oppression which you have invented. We are protected by the Soviet system, the Soviet Constitution and the greatest power of our country—the inviolable friendship among our peoples.

Our heart is with the Arab peoples and with those working people of Israel who are fighting under the leadership of their Communist Party for a peaceful settlement of the Middle East problem; it is with the people of Vietnam and with all who are for freedom, justice, racial and national equality, peace and a better life on earth.

Students at the Ushinski Odessa Pedagogical Institute: VLADIMIR CHERVONNY, ILYA MEDZON, EFIM BESTERMAN, MILITA LEMBERSKAYA, VERA GISHAITER, ADELA LERNER, BELA LERNER;

Graduate students: ZHANNA GORBULSKAYA, YAKOV SHVARTSMAN.

Odessa

Selskaya Zhizn, March 26, 1970

Indignant Reply to Zionists

The following are letters from Soviet citizens published in *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, *Trud*, *Selskaya Zhizn*, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, and other newspapers.

The Jan. 13 issue of *Pravda* carries letters by Soviet Jews protesting against the provocations of the Israeli ruling circles. I fully agree with the authors of these letters.

I am a Jew by nationality and my homeland is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. I am incensed at the impudent statement of the Israeli Prime Minister who tries to get Soviet Jews to "return" to Israel.

The Leninist Party has educated me in a spirit of proletarian internationalism. I am ashamed and pained that the Israeli state is following in the footsteps of fascist Germany.

Is not the whole world well aware that it was my country, the Soviet Union, that saved mankind from the fascist vandals? Sparing neither effort nor life our people defended their homeland during the Great Patriotic War.

We are building a radiant life—communism.

Let the Israeli aggressors and their imperialist patrons know that all the Soviet people, irrespective of nationality, are wholeheartedly united around our Leninist Party and the Soviet Government.

S. DRIZOVSKY,
Hero of the Soviet Union

I am one of those who formerly lived in Palestine (present-day Israel) and waged a fierce struggle against Zionists of all shades and against the British imperialists.

I can say from my personal experience that even at that time when the Jews and the Arabs had no rights under British rule, the Zionists were hostile towards the Arab population.

All the Zionist parties, beginning with the Achdut Haavoda and ending with the ultra-Right Herut, followed, and continue to follow, two reactionary slogans:

1. "Kibush Haaretz," which means, seizure of land, from the Arabs, of course (furthermore, within the "biblical" borders, from the Nile to the Euphrates).

2. "Kibush Haavoda"—taking away of work, from the Arabs, of course.

These same Zionists, reactionaries and aggressors, are now in power in the Israeli state. Carrying out the behests of the imperialists in the struggle against the national-liberation movement of the Arab countries, they launched the aggression in 1967 against the neighbouring Arab countries and captured large territories from them.

The aging Golda Meir has her reasons for slandering the Soviet Union, for cooking up lies about us.

Israel needs more and more cannon fodder. Jews from the capitalist countries, the United States, Britain and France, are somehow not in a hurry to lay down their lives in an aggressive war against the Arabs. And the cunning Israeli Prime Minister would like to enlist Soviet Jews for this purpose.

No, Madame, nothing will come of your lies and slander. If you want Israel to exist, busy yourself with other things. Return to the Arabs all the lands seized from them, bring back all the refugees you have expelled, and live in peace with your Arab neighbours.

M. PANICH,
engineer of the Kommunarsk iron
and steel plant, former inhabitant of Haifa

Kommunarsk



I opened my *Pravda* and couldn't believe my eyes: the Israeli rulers are so "concerned" about all Soviet Jews and are trying to get them to "return" . . . to Israel.

I read it and was thunderstruck! How did we ever manage to get along until now without these guardians and such a "motherland" as Israel?!

You, Golda Meir, are head of the present Israeli Government but you don't seem able to understand a simple thing. You don't know the psychology of the Soviet citizen, of that self-same Jew. You know nothing about his love for his real motherland, the Soviet Union, the motherland that brought him up, nurtured him and taught him to be kind and have tremendous love for peace and people of good will, to cherish the motherland that in the black years of the fascist invasion he defended as that which is most sacred to man, which one must guard with one's life if need be.

Minsk

E. PORITSKAYA



I, a worker of the Kharkov Order of Lenin Electrical Engineering Plant, indignant at the perfidious policy of the Israeli leaders, have decided to take up my pen. The ruling clique of that country is continuing to blackmail the peoples of the neighbouring states by fooling their own people, while enjoying the support of international imperialism.

Peddling the idea of defending Jews from Arabs, the Israeli rulers are covering up their true aims. These aims are the struggle of the forces of imperialism against the progressive movement in the Arab East. In other words everyone can clearly see that what is going on is a class struggle, not a struggle of one nation against another. I would like to remind the Government of Israel that in smashing German fascism, the Soviet Union saved many peoples including the Jews.

Kharkov

Z. KIPERMAN

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I am incensed at the unprecedented insolence of the Israeli Zionists.

Who gave them the right to concern themselves about a nationality who, shoulder to shoulder with the great Russian people and other fraternal peoples, fought on the barricades in the stormy year of 1917, smashed the nationalistic gangs, restored the economy, and defended the gains of the October Revolution during the Great Patriotic War?

I was born and grew up in Russia and for 46 years have been a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. With our fellow-thinkers we built the world's first socialist state which stands for equality and freedom for all nations.

What are the Zionists counting on? Tribal survivals? Hardly! The aim of the "call" is to sow strife between the peoples of the USSR. Nothing will come of that, gentlemen. Just as nothing came out of attempts by other miserable politicians of imperialism!

*Znamenka, Kirovograd
region, the Ukraine*

A. GOLODNITSKY

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I read in *Pravda* of January 13, 1970 what Soviet Jews have to say about the provocative appeal of Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir.

The Prime Minister said she is trying to get Soviet Jews to "return" to Israel. This was said, moreover, as though this would be quite agreeable to Soviet Jews. But the Soviet Jews are making it clear they do not agree! As an Estonian I can quite understand these feelings. Soviet Jews are satisfied with Soviet administration and their Government. They do not need the despicable rule and "benefactions" of the Meirs and Dayans. They find unacceptable the interests of the Israeli Zionists; they find unacceptable bourgeois nationalism and the capitalist system with its unemployment and exploitation. They have no intentions of having a hand in the plunder of the Arab peoples. Israel is an aggressive state like all imperialist states. It annexed the land of the

neighbouring Arab states. Violating international law, Israel is now refusing to carry out the UN decisions and return the Arab territories seized.

Viljandi, Estonia

V. LAANTE

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A person who has been through a war will never forget the horrors and sufferings that war causes. It is with excruciating pain that we hear about the crimes of the Israeli aggressors who shoot at women and children, raze towns and burn down villages: we in Byelorussia lived through these horrors during the nazi invasion.

Zionism is to blame for these monstrous crimes. The rabid clique ruling the roost in the state of Israel, has turned the country into an instrument of imperialism, an instrument of aggression against the freedom-loving Arab peoples.

The most disgusting thing is that the Tel Aviv rulers are trying to convince us, Soviet citizens of Jewish extraction, that our motherland is over there. This claim is nothing but a despicable lie. For shame, gentlemen! Pharisism has always been odious. As an old Communist, a person who lost his mother and close relatives during the last war, I greatly resent it. The Soviet Union is our only motherland, and we resolutely reject the hypocritical "concern" of the Israeli Zionists.

ZAIR AZGUR,
People's Artiste of the Byelorussian
SSR, member of the USSR Academy
of Arts, State Prizes Winner
Minsk

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As a Soviet Jew I condemn, together with millions of Soviet people, the crimes of the Israeli Zionists who have adopted nazi methods. The Israeli rulers are erecting a monument to their iniquity on the blood of Arabs and toiling Jews. During the Great Patriotic War my brothers and myself fought against nazism. My brothers were killed in action.

One of the portraits of Heroes of the Soviet Union hanging in our town's main square is that of Zalman Vikhreyev, a hero who gave his life for the Soviet Leninist nationalities policy. Now in peacetime one finds Jews in all spheres of endeavour in the country working on a par with other nationalities. We fully support the Arab people in their just struggle and protest against imperialism and Zionism.

Zhlobin

Y. E. GINZBURG

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Where are the Israeli Zionists inviting us, Soviet Jews? To their "capitalist paradise"? But we shed our blood together with other fraternal peoples in October 1917 to get rid of that kind of "paradise." Can anybody expect us to believe nationalistic Zionist propaganda spiced with religion? You are gravely mistaken, gentlemen. Soviet Jews are Soviet patriots who want nothing to do with the capitalist state of Israel, an imperialist puppet. We contemptuously sweep aside the aspersions and base slander about our socialist motherland spread by international Zionism. Zionist ideas are alien to citizens of the great Soviet land. Lenin's Party has reared us in a spirit of proletarian internationalism. We feel nothing but wrath and indignation at the actions of the Israeli rulers who have pushed their country to follow in the footsteps of the nazi barbarians. It is a crying shame besmirching the memory of millions of Jews who perished at the hands of the nazi aggressors.

G. I. TSUKERMAN

I. N. APTEKAREV

M. M. BREGER

Kherson

M. Y. SMOLYANSKY

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I condemn the provocative actions of the Zionists who seek to befool the Israeli population with nationalist propaganda, to turn the Israeli people into cannon fodder to be used against the national-liberation movement in the Middle East. Now these present rulers of Israel, whose hands

are dripping with the blood of Arab civilians, clamour for the "return" of all Jews to . . . Israel. What return are they talking about? Neither my grandfather, father, other relatives nor friends have ever been there. We Soviet Jews consider such statements the vilest insult.

It was not Israel I had in mind when I defended our motherland against the nazi invaders during the Great Patriotic War. We consider this provocationist appeal coming from imperialist-supporting Zionists the usual anti-Soviet attempts.

Orenburg

B. I. ROVENSKY

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I am an ordinary Soviet woman. Recently I read in the newspaper about the statement made by Golda Meir, Israel's Prime Minister, stating her Government's willingness to "shelter" all Soviet Jews in Israel. I am sixty-four years old, of Jewish descent. I wanted to tell the Zionists we contemptuously reject their "solicitude." Here in the Soviet Union peoples of all nationalities, including Jews, live and breathe as free men.

The Zionists need more and more soldiers for the war in the Middle East. That is why they are exhorting Jews to go to Israel. Nothing will come of it. Our young people will take up arms, if need be, to defend our beloved motherland—the Soviet Union—but not the imperialist state of Israel.

Kursk

S. P. NARVID

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Another act of barbarism on the part of the Israeli military—the bombing of a civilian factory in the Cairo suburbs—has been wrathfully condemned by the Soviet public. The aggressor dropped napalm bombs which killed dozens of Egyptian workers. Recidivist criminals are recognized by their "hand." The word "napalm" reminds us of the fields of Korea and the jungles of long-suffering Vietnam. Everywhere one can see the hand of the overseas imperialist predator trying to clutch onto collapsing colonial rule and regain domination over the liberated nations.

But history treats them with cruel irony. The shock force of imperialism in the Middle East is the ruling clique expounding an extremely nationalistic bourgeois concept of Zionism—that of rallying all Jews round Mount Zion of the Bible.

The reactionary and Utopian nature of this theory has long been exposed by the entire development of history. It is not isolation or opposition of one, chosen, nation to others but cohesion of the working masses of all nationalities and struggle for the freedom of oppressed peoples in the face of the common enemy, imperialism, and against their “own” bourgeoisie and landed aristocracy that led to the complete elimination of national oppression in the Soviet Union and all other socialist countries.

But the imperialists, driven to despair by the fact that their colonial empires are toppling to pieces and their astronomical profits are vanishing into thin air, will stoop to anything. Bloodshed has been going on for about three years now in the Middle East with numerous innocent victims—children, women and old people—and thousands of people left homeless. The Suez Canal is closed to navigation.

But the Arab peoples continue their resolute struggle for freedom, independence and national progress, for restoration of the occupied territories. We proclaim solidarity with this struggle and demand the immediate cessation of aggression and implementation of the Security Council resolution on peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Suffering moral setbacks, the Israeli aggressors are resorting to political and ideological subversion. They seek contact with reactionary forces, in particular those in the FRG, and have the nerve to assert that all Jews support their actions. The absurdity and mendacity of their insinuations is obvious. The sacrilege committed by Zionist leaders in fraternizing with the nazi successors is an insult to the memory of millions of nazi victims.

Today we repeat the passionate appeal of the Moscow Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties: “We Communists again appeal to all honest people on the globe to join efforts in the struggle against the man-hater ideology and practices of racism. We call for a very wide movement of protest against the most abominable facts of reality—the brutal reprisals against the 25-million Negro population

of the USA, the racist terror reigning in South Africa and Rhodesia, persecution of the Arab population on the occupied territories and in Israel, racial and national discrimination, Zionism and anti-Semitism which are being whipped up by the reactionary capitalist forces as a means of political disorientation of the masses."

Shame on the Israeli militarists! Stop aggression in the Middle East!

Moscow

A. SOLOMONOVICH, Doctor of Engineering, department chief at the Physics Institute, USSR Academy of Sciences

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The news of Israeli outrages on Arab lands fills us with wrath and indignation. The rapacious aspirations of the Israeli hierarchy are akin to the nazi plans for conquering "lebensraum." Seeking to deceive more and more people into going to Israel to swell the numbers of the exploited and provide more cannon fodder for the Israeli army, they have the nerve to come out as "defenders" of Soviet Jews, declaring their intention, as did Golda Meir, to secure for us the right "to move" to Israel. Soviet citizens of Jewish extraction are outraged by such insinuations.

Let those in Tel Aviv know once and for all and inform their imperialist patrons accordingly that everyone of us has only one motherland—the Soviet Union—where we were born and brought up in a spirit of proletarian internationalism, where we received our education and work in a united fraternal family of the Soviet peoples.

Despite all their moves and subterfuges, the Zionist barkers and uncalled-for "defenders" will fail to lead us astray or wrest us from our beloved motherland. You are trying in vain, Messrs. Zionists!

Lvov

Professor R. BRODSKY,
Doctor of History,
Lvov University

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People of my generation, brought up in the Young Pioneer and Young Communist League organizations in a spi-

rit of internationalism, have never felt the need for a Zionist "paradise."

My homeland is the Soviet Union. Here I was born and educated at the institute and post-graduate courses. I defended my country during the Great Patriotic War. One of my brothers was killed at the front. Nazis murdered my father and mother in the Bryansk region. Today the Israeli aggressors employing nazi methods are trying to spread the plague of racialism beyond the bounds of their country, to incite national strife among the peoples of the socialist countries.

I. LERMAN,
Candidate of Philology, head of
the Philology Faculty, Khabarovsk
Khabarovsk Teachers' Training Institute

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When the Great Patriotic War began, I, a Jew by nationality, served in a volunteer batallion together with a Ukrainian, Platon Voronko, who was second-in-command of a platoon, a Russian, Sergei Narovchatov, the batallion commissar, and a Georgian Georgi Lomidze, a private. My direct C. O. was a Russian, Mikhail Lukonin, my school pal. They are all well-known writers today. Our friendship has withstood all trials and has remained unbreakable. We are all children of one mother country, having the same unshakable communist views and goals. The Zionist ring-leaders would be glad to sow discord among us, people of different nationalities; they would like to have me betray our cherished friendship.

I often recite my poems to Volgograd audiences and see before me the friendly inspired faces of my listeners, inhabitants of that heroic city on the Volga. I love these people, their radiant faces, their magnanimity, their sturdiness. I have been writing for Stalingrad papers and magazines for 37 years now. Now the murderers of Arab children—Golda Meir and other Zionist rulers—would like me to turn to be a snake traitor to the Volga and the people of Stalingrad. From top of Mamayev Hill, the monument to the fortitude, courage and heroism of the Soviet people.

I hurl in the face of the Zionist aggressors the words of anger and contempt:

Stop your aggressive war! Stop your dirty provocations!

Yuri OKUNEV,
writer, member of the bureau of
the Volgograd branch of the RSFSR
Volgograd (Stalingrad) Writers' Union

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Again blood is being shed, again Arabs are being persecuted, their only guilt being that they are defending their freedom and independence. Israel's aggressive policy, encouraged by US imperialists, arouses anger and indignation among all honest people of the world who express their solidarity with the Arab peoples, demand a stop to atrocities perpetrated by the Israeli military and approve and support the policy of the Communist Party and Soviet Government for securing peace in the Middle East.

Zionist propaganda has expended considerable means and efforts of late to create the myth of a "promised land." Madame Golda Meir applies herself to this business with particular zeal, feigning special concern over Soviet Jews, citizens of the multinational Soviet state, free and equal members of socialist society. One would like to ask who has authorized her to be so concerned about Soviet Jews as to give them such a fervent invitation to the Israeli "paradise." Perhaps she is doing so because the Tel Aviv rulers experience a shortage of cannon fodder to continue their aggressive expansionist policy?

The shrill outcries raised in the "promised land" about discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union and about anti-Semitism in the socialist countries sound very funny to Soviet people. Soviet Jews ardently love their country and are building a communist society together with all other nationalities.

Those spreading slander and lies about our great country must remember one thing: the lot of slanderers has always been a miserable one. Let the Meirs, Dayans and their overseas patrons remember that!

V. TSIGANKOV,
stage director of the Maly Theatre,
Merited Artiste of the RSFSR

Moscow

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Zionists are trying to frantically prove that Israel is a "promised land," that people of Jewish origin can find happiness there. Particularly zealous in this regard is Madame Golda Meir who is persistently urging Jews—Soviet citizens—to move to Israel.

Give up, Madame Meir! We Soviet Jews, for whom our multinational country is the only motherland, will not respond to your frantic appeals.

I was born in the Soviet Union; here I studied, became a welder, married. The factory where I work has become a second home to me. My comrades elected me chairman of the public-run personnel department and a member of the factory trade union committee. The factory provided me with a comfortable flat, and we were able to afford good furniture for it.

Ponder over these brief lines, Madame Golda Meir, and you will learn that it is workmen like me who run our factories.

My family are angered by the actions of the Israeli provocateurs. We are confident that the righteous cause of the peoples fighting for progress, independence and freedom will triumph.

M. BUNSHAFT,
gas-welder at prefabricated houses
factory No. 21

Moscow

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Tel Aviv alleges that Soviet Jews are deprived of all rights, that their dignity is infringed and trampled upon. With such lying assertions the Israeli chauvinists are urging Soviet Jews to renounce their real motherland. In doing so they ignore the fact that people of all nationalities living in the Soviet Union are granted the right to work, to study and rest, that they are all participating in socialist construction. One has to remind them that the Soviet Union is our only motherland, the motherland which Soviet Jews helped to defend during the Great Patriotic War and that many of them were awarded the honorary title of Hero of the Soviet Union.

Only despicable renegades may respond to the appeals and invitations of Golda Meir and her associates and move to a country whose rulers enjoy the support of capitalist states in their aggressive pursuits.

Like all Soviet people, I am deeply incensed at the outrages committed by the Israeli military against the Arab peoples and wholeheartedly support the Soviet Union's policy for peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Moscow

A. VOVSI,
People's Artiste of the RSFSR

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My biography is that of an ordinary Soviet man. I was born in the Zhitomir region into a poor Jewish family. I grew up in Soviet times. The Soviet Union is my beloved motherland which I defended in the Great Patriotic War. I do not have, and do not wish to have, any other motherland. Now Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir is "inviting" Soviet Jews to Israel, claiming concern over their fate.

We know full well the price of this "invitation." Madame Golda Meir wants me, my sons and my compatriots, to fight in the name of the absurd Zionist idea of "Greater Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates." Our answer is: she will never get Soviet Jews to become Tel Aviv's cannon fodder. We are ready, together with the entire Soviet people, to fight for our Soviet motherland, as we fought for it during the Great October Socialist Revolution, the Civil War and the Great Patriotic War, together with the Russians, Ukrainians, Azerbaijanians, Georgians and other peoples of our country.

I was a battery commander during the Great Patriotic War and was awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union. I often ponder over the question: What would have become of me had I not lived under Soviet rule? Most likely, I would have become a small town shoemaker like my father whose family hungered seven days a week. Soviet Government provided me with the opportunity of finishing Baku military school. After the army I returned to Azerbaijan where I went to a trade school and then graduated from the Institute of Soviet Commerce in Moscow. I have been the director of foodstore No. 3 for many years now and have

received due credit for my work. I have been elected deputy to the Nasimin District Soviet.

Together with all Soviet people I resolutely condemn the Israeli aggressors and their imperialist patrons, their provocationist actions against our motherland.

Baku

M. SHAKHNOVICH,
Hero of the Soviet Union,
director of foodstore No. 3

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I was outraged at Golda Meir's insolent call on Soviet Jews to go to Israel. How could we go to the people who have forgotten the cruelty of Hitler fascists? And judging by present Israeli actions, they are not much different from fascist thugs.

I was born in Poland and when fascists came I had to flee to the Soviet Union which became my second homeland. The Soviet Government has given me an apartment, a good job, and helped me to raise my children. I am a senior shop attendant and my colleagues respect me. I will be provided for in my old age, as is every person in our country, and am not worried about the future of my children. I am sure that in our country no honest Jew will accept Mrs. Meir's irresponsible offer. Better stop worrying about us, Mrs. Meir, and mind your own business.

*Morshansk,
Tambou region*

T. SHTERENZEER,
senior shop attendant

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The village where I live is called Waldheim, which in Yiddish means "Forest Hut." When settlers first came here forty years ago there was only one hut amidst a swampy stretch of the taiga. Today Waldheim is a big, beautiful village with sturdy houses, the centre of the "Zavety Ilyicha" (Lenin's behests), a rich collective farm.

It is a particle of our "Soviet miracle" which we created with our own hands. It is our homeland. Golda Meir's hysterical wailing only makes us laugh. What do Israeli impe-

rialists need us for? To use us as cannon fodder in military adventures? I was a soldier and I know what war is.

As a former soldier, a Soviet citizen and a Communist I say to the Israeli rulers: no, Messrs. Zionists, I refuse to be your soldier!

Birobidzhan

V. I. PELLER,
Hero of Socialist Labour,
chairman of the "Zavety Ilyicha"
collective farm

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You, Mrs. Meir, must know what war means. The last war took the lives of some 50 million, among whom there was quite a number of Jews from many countries. This is something no honest person will forget. Mothers are still weeping for lost ones, and you Mrs. Meir, and the leadership of the world Zionist organization have made a deal with the imperialists and are again fanning the flames of war, engaging in barbarous practices and repeating nazi crimes.

As for the aspersions the world Zionist organization is casting on our country and your own statement on the position of Jews in the Soviet Union, I'd like to tell you this: spare your energy, no one will go to your paradise!

Stavropol

Professor R. POLYAK,
Doctor of Medicine,
Head of surgery chair,
Stavropol Medical
Institute

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I have been a cultural worker for more than 35 years and for the past 20 years have been to the House of Culture of the "Stankolit," "Borets," and "Spetstanok" plants practically every day. As a Jew, I have always felt myself an equal member of the multinational family of Soviet peoples. The House of Culture which I supervise has been praised time and again for its work.

My wife is a teacher. My two daughters have a higher education.

How can Tel Aviv rulers spread the base lie that we

Jews eke out a miserly existence in the Soviet Union? Golda Meir has undertaken to be our benefactor and is cynically inviting us to her Israeli "paradise". The Israeli rulers want cannon fodder to kill women, old folk and children in the name of "great Israel." You will not have things your way. We do not go along with you, Meir and Dayan, or your overseas protectors!

N. VILENSKY, Honoured
Worker in Culture,
RSFSR

Moscow

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I am a pensioner, a Jew by nationality. All my sons are Communists. One is a prosecutor and the others, too, hold prominent positions. And we shall never allow overweening Israeli leaders to offend our dignity as Soviet citizens. We censure the Israeli invaders headed by Golda Meir. It is no use extending to us her hands stained with the blood of the Arab peoples.

We have never lived in Israel and do not intend to live there. Our homeland is our Soviet Union, a land where we live now and which we defended from the fascist invaders. Our true protector is the Soviet Government and Soviet system which we won at the cost of bloodshed, and which gave Soviet citizens a happy life.

There is no national discrimination in our country. We are all equal—equal with respect to studies, work, elections. Why should Tel Aviv need us Soviet Jews now? The answer is obvious: they haven't enough cannon fodder and they want us as replenishments. But that's out of the question.

L. STRONGIN, pensioner,
Pukhovichi district

Minsk region

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The Israeli rulers want to entice Soviet Jews into their country to build up their cannon fodder reserves and use them in their aggression against the Arab people. But, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan, this will never happen. We shall not swallow your bait.

Before the war my parents lived in Przemyśl, Poland. When the fascists came they killed them. At that time I and my older sister lived with my aunt in another city. When the Soviet troops liberating Western Ukraine came we were taken to a children's home.

But our happiness did not last long. On the very first day of the war my sister was killed in a bomb explosion. They began to evacuate the children. Our train was destroyed on the way. The five of us—Eisef Staver, Shimon Fudem, Aron Shimon, Yankel Vaserman and myself—fled to the woods. The oldest, Yankel, was 14. For three days we roamed hungry, then ran into fascists and were put in a concentration camp. I was sent to Auschwitz. In the four years I was there I saw horrors that still haunt me today. Soviet troops saved me from imminent death.

You Golda Meir want me, a Soviet citizen, to "return" to my alleged homeland—Israel. But it has never been and never will be my homeland. Are your provocations against the Arabs, the seizure of their land and property and the killing of civilians any different from nazi atrocities in the occupied territories? It is the Arab people who fight for a righteous cause and they will win out, giving Israeli provocateurs a fitting rebuff.

*Leninsk-Kuznetsk
district,
Kemerovo region*

S. KUPINSKY,
"Iskra" collective
farm

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Like all Soviet people we are incensed at the Israeli aggressors who are destroying towns and villages of civilian Arabs. We brand them with disgrace and demand: "Hands off the Arab peoples! Get out of Arab lands!" Let the Israeli aggressors remember that all upright people, all who cherish peace, are on the side of the Arabs.

ZHUKOV, LYASETSKY, MALTSEV
and other drivers,
22nd CPSU Congress state
farm
Kalinin region

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It is the first time I am writing to a newspaper. Golda Meir urges Jews to "return" to Israel. Just what does she mean?

To my mind, one can return home, to one's country. And the Soviet people have one homeland, the Soviet Union.

I am 42. I was brought up by my country. Never have I made a difference between people on nationality grounds, but judged them by what they are as persons. I lost all my family when I was 13. My father and brother were killed in the war and my mother and sister, in a bombing. But I forgot my loneliness because I always felt Soviet people's warmth and sympathy.

My husband is Russian and I am a Jew. Our son is 22. He has returned after serving in the Soviet Army and is now working. We are a family of workers. My husband is a fitter and I work at a house maintenance office. We are a happy family.

Can it be that the people of Israel have forgotten the horrors of the war or haven't seen Hitlerism for themselves? Their Government has seized other people's lands and believes it had the right to. The atrocities they are committing on Arab land are no different from what the nazis did. How can this be tolerated? Who gave you the right, Mrs. Meir, to offer us your "protection"? Who asked for it?

Moscow

B. VOROBYOVA

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I am shocked over Israeli raids and bombings of civilians, particularly the bombing of the metal works near Cairo. I resolutely condemn the US-backed Israeli policy and demand that troops be withdrawn from Arab territories. I approve and support the Soviet Government and the Communist Party in their efforts to settle the Middle East conflict.

Orenburg region

A. OLEFIR,
worker at the "Sadovod"
state farm

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Dear editors,

I would like you to write in your paper that I, S. M. Edelman, Jewish, am an equal citizen of the great Soviet Union.

I have heard about the atrocities committed by Israeli extremists against the Arab people and I join in the protest voiced by the Soviet people and all progressive humanity. The time will come when the aggressors will get due punishment for their crimes. We are against violence, war and Zionism.

I ask you to publish my letter.

*Udmurt
Autonomous Republic*

S. EDELMAN, pensioner,
station "Kuzma"

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I have learned about this provocative invitation from a news report on the press conference given by Jews holding prominent positions in our socialist society—scientists, generals, people in the arts, recipients of the highest Government awards. Golda Meir mostly urges young people to come to Israel. But she was properly told off at the press conference: Jews between the ages of 14 and 28 are for the most part Komsomol members and they have no use for capitalist Israel.

And this is what I want to ask you: what would I do in Israel? I was born and grew up in the Soviet Union and was brought up by socialist society. My homeland is the USSR. I finished the Berdichev secondary engineering school (and, by the way, received a stipend all the years I studied) and served in the army for three years.

All during my studies and army service I was connected with the Komsomol. I have been working in this youth organization since my return from the army. I like my work and I am happy.

What could you offer me instead, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan? The job of a killer? You say that we are "blood brothers." But tell me, could you call the murderer of your brother your friend? I do not think so. Then why are you friendly with those who annihilated some two million So-

viet Jews during the war? You find a common language with former nazis easily and the Soviet Union, which saved millions of Jews from death in Hitler concentration camps and crematoria, is Enemy No. 1 to you. And, as the saying goes, "a man is known by the company he keeps."

No, Golda Meir, we are not your friends! I would like your namesake, the Chairman of the League of Protection of Jews, to hear this too. Until now we Soviet Jews have lived without your protection, and I must say, lived well. We do not need your "protection." We have no one to fear in our free, multinational country, we repudiate your dirty actions, your provocations. We have our protection—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, our Communist Party, our Leninist Komsomol and all our Soviet people.

Do not ask us to come, gentlemen in Israel! Mind your own business. We never knew you and do not wish to. These are my feelings and, I am sure, the feelings of all Jewish young people in the Soviet Union.

Berdichev

P. GERBER

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Motherland ("Rodina") is one of the first words a child learns after he begins to speak. It brings to mind memories of childhood, of the first teacher. Without a motherland one is like a bird with a broken wing. The best that one does is in the name of the motherland.

I hear that the gentlemen in Tel Aviv offer us Soviet Jews another motherland, Israel. Who gave them the right? How dare they encroach on the very dearest that we have?

I was abroad recently and met Jews from Britain, the United States, Israel and other capitalist countries. I find it difficult to express how proud I was when I told the citizens of other countries the truth about our life, the truth which bourgeois propaganda conceals from them.

Crimea

Y. GRITSEVSKY,
student,
Medical Institute

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Zionist circles in the United States and Israel are trying to show that Jews in the Soviet Union are discriminated against and invite them to come to Israel, claiming that "paradise" is waiting for them there. What "paradise" can there be in the world of capitalism, in a state which has unleashed a war of aggression against the Arab peoples? We Jews living in the Soviet Union know one homeland—the country of the October 1917 Socialist Revolution where a person of any nationality has every right and opportunity to live a truly human life. There is no, nor can there be, discrimination against Jews or any other nationality, for that would be contrary to the very nature of the Soviet State.

Syzran

V. EFROS

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The entire life and work of Soviet Jews vividly proves that they are part and parcel of the land on which they were born and raised. This land is the Soviet Union, our own and only country.

S. BERNOTSKY,
director,

Chapayevsk

children's sports schools

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This is what I would like to say to the Israeli rulers who are "concerned" about the fate of Soviet Jews: the ties of the Soviet Jews with their only homeland, the Soviet Union, are inseparable. Alongside other nations, thousands upon thousands of Jews laid down their lives in the Great Patriotic War to defend dignity, freedom and independence of their homeland. Today, too, Soviet Jews are active and loyal workers in all the spheres of communist construction, contributing to the prosperity of their Soviet motherland.

I. MOLIVER,
director,
school No. 9

Chapayevsk

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The Zionists at the helm of Israel are preaching a policy of misanthropy and racial superiority. This is no different from nazi theories. The nazis killed my sister, her two small children, and all the Jews in our village. I hate nazism and Zionism as do all Soviet citizens.

Chapayevsk

Y. DEKHTYAR,
economist,
garment factory No. 10

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Today Israeli Zionists headed by Golda Meir, who have sold their conscience for dollars, are gambling on the national feelings of Jews and calling on them to rally round the banner of revived fascism and aggression against the Arab people. It is my firm belief that all honest Jews are as indignant at Israel's heinous policy as I am.

Kuibyshev

I. AIZIKOVICH,
chief conductor,
opera house

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The Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality have a homeland—the great Soviet Union. We shall never trade our socialist homeland for your capitalist “paradise,” Mrs. Meir. We shall never forget how the Soviet people, including Jewish citizens, fought to save the peoples of the whole world from fascist enslavers. Is it not disgraceful that the Israeli rulers have found their protectors among the descendants of fascist Germany?

ABEZGAUZ, MARGULYAN, FRENKIN, GINZBURG and other employees of the Urals State Institute of Steel Works Designing

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Let Israeli extremists and their protectors know that to Soviet Jews the Land of Soviets is as dear as their own

mother. We Jews born in Soviet times know about anti-Semitism only from our fathers and grandfathers. It is true that where capital is dominant and where the propaganda machine of millionaires is at work it is possible to mislead inexperienced people. But we Soviet citizens—people of any nationality—tell all the Meirs and Dayans: keep your advice for those who need it.

I. KALMANOVICH, employee of
the Novokuibyshevsk Oil
Novokuibyshevsk Refinery

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It is difficult to express in words the wrath and indignation of the staff of our plant over Israel's fresh provocations, once more manifesting its aggressiveness. The Israeli leaders have disgraced themselves in the eyes of all honest people, and they will never clear themselves of it. Like all Soviet people we demand that the Israeli invaders stop military provocations and get out of the Arab lands they have occupied.

M. IVANOV, N. KUSHNIR,
A. MUSIN and other
employees of the
Riga "Rigaselmash" plant

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Really the "concern" of Golda Meir and Co. for Soviet Jews is laughable. You think you show concern for Soviet Jews, Messrs. Zionists? Go on, enough hypocrisy! Is there another country in the world where Jews are equal among equals? Is there another country like our socialist land where the son of a messenger, an "errand boy" as I was can become the assistant director of a big plant? And you suggest that we move to your country. Is it to have my children, who are now finishing school, take up arms and defend your dirty interests? No, we walk different paths.

Novokuibyshevsk

P. GOLDENBERG

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I am an ordinary worker in Leningrad. I lived through the blockade during the war, and I say on behalf of my whole family: Shame on you, Golda Meir and other Zionists! We would not trade our homeland and freedom gained at the price of millions of lives!

Leningrad

I. KRUSHEVADSKY,
driver

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Words fail to express my indignation at the Israeli Government's statement concerning the "return" of Soviet Jews to Israel. I am a Jew, but all of us Soviet citizens have one homeland, the Soviet Union, and should it be threatened we will all come to its defence.

Izmail

A. SHEVTSOVA,
teacher

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Israel is a small country and its rulers naturally would not have been able to launch aggression against the neighbouring Arab peoples, would not have risked committing such atrocities, had they not been supported by the United States, Britain and Federal Germany.

Gomel

P. SHEINBAUM,
pensioner

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The Israeli Government's escalation of military operations in the Middle East is arousing the condemnation of all citizens of the Soviet Union. We are outraged at the barbarous bombing of civilian objects and the use of napalm. Israel's adventurous policy is becoming a threat to world peace.

It is impossible to revise the existing boundaries by military force. Tel Aviv must unequivocally abide by the

Security Council resolution and withdraw its troops from the Arab territory it has occupied. This is the only way to restore peace in the Middle East.

Moscow

A. FRUMKIN,
Academician

Protest and Condemnation

Protest campaign against Israeli aggression and Zionist conspiracy swept the Soviet Union. The protesters stigmatized Zionist provocateurs and their imperialist patrons. The Soviet people unanimously support measures initiated by the Soviet Government for the restoration of peace in the Middle East.

BIROBIDZHAN. The Birobidzhan City Soviet of Working People's Deputies met in session and unanimously adopted a resolution wrathfully condemning Israeli aggression. The resolution says in part:

"International and Israeli imperialism has recently begun an open anti-Soviet campaign. Golda Meir, Head of the Israeli Government, declared that Tel Aviv is trying to prevail on all Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality to go and live in Israel. This statement by the Israeli Prime Minister shows that the Israeli rulers are attempting, by an anti-Soviet act, to break the ring of political isolation in which they have found themselves as a result of continuing aggression against the Arab countries.

"Deputies of the City Soviet and the entire population of Birobidzhan resent the shameless statement by the Israeli Prime Minister. Soviet Jews have never lived, nor are they going to live, in Israel. All those present at the session condemned the criminal policy pursued by Israeli adventurers, aided and abetted by US imperialism."

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RIGA. A protest rally was held at the "Gidrometpribor" pilot plant in Riga.

"We wholeheartedly support the just struggle waged by the Arab nations against Israeli invaders, in defence of their national interests, against imperialist, neo-colonialist and Zionist encroachments," says the resolution. "The policy of animosity and aggression towards the Arab nations will not yield dividends for its architects. It is bound to fail. And Israeli ruling circles and their imperialist patrons that continue to build up tensions in the Middle East ought to know this."

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A S H K H A B A D. Participants in a meeting organized by the Turkmenian Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity expressed their profound sympathy and friendship for the Arab nations.

Ya. Feldman, Honoured Art Worker of the Turkmenian SSR, told the meeting:

"Golda Meir and her followers brazenly urge people of Jewish nationality to leave the USSR and go to Israel. They will never succeed. I am a Soviet citizen and will never betray my beloved motherland. The Israeli Zionists will receive no support from Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality. We condemn the aggressor that made war on the freedom-loving Arab people."

A resolution expressing solidarity with the struggle of the Arab nations was adopted at the meeting.

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K H A B A R O V S K. Participants in a peace conference held in Khabarovsk voiced vehement protest against Israeli provocations in the Middle East.

The unanimously carried resolution stresses that the reckless policy of Tel Aviv is encouraged by US imperialists who seek to crush the just anti-imperialist struggle waged by the Arab peoples.

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K I S H I N E V. Protest rallies against imperialist aggression in the Middle East were held at many Moldavian enterprises.

"We, workers, wholeheartedly support and endorse the policy of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Government aimed at settling the dangerous conflict, ensuring peace in the Middle East," says the resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting held at the Tiraspol garments factory.

Angry protest against the barbarous actions of Israeli extremists was voiced at a meeting held at the Belsk State Pedagogical Institute attended by the faculty and students.

The resolution adopted at the meeting says in part:

"The Soviet people who have been through the ordeal of war and have suffered from Nazi barbarity understand the suffering of the freedom-loving Arab nations. We therefore wholeheartedly support their just struggle against the Israeli invaders and condemn nazi-like actions committed by the Israeli military against the peaceful Arab population."

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SMOLENSK. Workers at the Smolensk Knitted Fabrics Factory held a protest meeting at which they condemned the provocations carried out by the Israeli military. The meeting adopted a resolution approving the policy of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Government for giving comprehensive aid to the Arab nations in their just struggle.

End the Crimes!

The world public has learned with indignation of another barbarous crime committed by the Israeli military—the bombing on April 8 of a school in the Egyptian village of Bahr el-Bakr where 30 children and one teacher were killed. Soon afterwards 16 children died from wounds.

We are publishing below statements by Soviet public organizations and Soviet citizens protesting against this monstrous act of the Israeli aggressors and demanding that an end be put to the crimes of the Zionist extremists.

PROFOUND INDIGNATION

The Soviet Women's Committee voices profound indignation on behalf of all women of our country at the new monstrous crime committed by the aggressors from Tel Aviv. This time the victims of the Israeli military are schoolchildren in the Arab village of Bahr el-Bakr.

This new outrageous act is another proof of the aggressive nature of the state of Israel. The criminal raids of Israeli pirates on non-military targets in the United Arab Republic were made in the notorious "Phantom" aircraft built in the United States.

Soviet women once again express their solidarity with the Arab peoples in their struggle and resolutely demand that justice and peace be restored in the Middle East.

Soviet Women's Committee

THE CRIMINALS SHALL NOT ESCAPE THE JUDGEMENT OF PEOPLES

The Israeli military, continuing their policy of brigandage, have committed another crime. In broadening the scope of their aggression against the peaceful population of the Arab countries Israeli military fliers, acting on orders of the criminal ruling clique in Tel Aviv, made a barbarous raid on an elementary school in Bahr el-Bakr, killing and wounding many children. This act of vandalism shows once again that the Israeli war criminals are following in the footsteps of the nazi butchers.

Soviet peace fighters wrathfully condemn the new monstrous act of the Israeli aggressors and call for severe punishment for those guilty of the death of the Arab children.

Human conscience cannot tolerate the crimes committed by the Israeli military against the Arab peoples. Let the Israeli aggressors and their imperialist patrons know that they shall not escape the judgement of the people.

Soviet Peace Committee

STATEMENT OF THE USSR UNION OF JOURNALISTS

The Israeli aggressors have committed another crime. Only recently the world public wrathfully condemned the barbarous bombing of a steel mill in the suburbs of Cairo by Israeli aircraft, killing many workers. Now another monstrosity has been committed—the bombing of an elementary school in Bahr el-Bakr, killing and wounding 77, mostly schoolchildren. This is cold-blooded, premeditated massacre.

The crime of the Israeli aggressors must not go unpunished. Soviet journalists demand an immediate end to the barbarous attacks by Israel against peaceful Arab citizens. Shame on the vandals from Tel Aviv and their helpers who supply them with “Phantoms” and vast sums of money in an attempt to prevent a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

STATEMENT OF THE USSR COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE USSR STUDENTS COUNCIL

The world has learned of another monstrous crime committed by the Israeli military. This time the target of barbarous bombing was an elementary school in the small Egyptian village of Bahr el-Bakr. Thirty children died and 36 were wounded as a result of the piratical attack.

This inhuman act of the Israeli military revealed once again the aggressive nature of Zionism, a tool of imperialist reaction. The extremists in Tel Aviv, with direct support of US imperialism, are escalating the war in an attempt to break the will of the Arab people to fight, to make them give up their legitimate interests. The Israeli extremists spare neither old people nor children. They have destroyed houses, hospitals, schools and other non-military objects. The crime in Bahr el-Bakr, like the crime in Abu Zaabal, fills Soviet young people with anger and indignation. The crimes com-

mitted by the aggressive circles of Israel on Arab soil remind mankind of the Hitlerites' atrocities in Krasnukha, Khatyn, Lidice and Oradour.

The barbarous raid of the Israeli aircraft on a school has aroused profound indignation on the part of the Soviet peoples.

Soviet youth, together with the entire Soviet people, wrathfully condemn the new monstrous crime of the Israeli Zionists.

On behalf of Soviet youth, the USSR Committee of Youth Organizations and the USSR Students Council voice angry protest against the new barbarous action of the Israeli aggressors and express full support for the just struggle of the Arab peoples and youth.

SHAME UPON ISRAELI MURDERERS AND THEIR PATRONS

Soviet working people have learned with profound indignation of another heinous crime committed by the Israeli military—the barbarous bombing of a school in the Egyptian village of Bahr el-Bakr. Thirty children and one teacher died, and dozens of pupils were wounded as a result of the new atrocity perpetrated by the Tel Aviv extremists. This beastly act of the Israeli military, like the piratical raid on the civilian industrial enterprise in the Cairo suburb of Abu Zaabal in which dozens of workers were killed, is another monstrous crime that stems from the deliberate policy of the Israeli ruling circles to terrorize the population of the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries.

One cannot ignore the fact that this time, as before, the latest models of US-built planes were used in massacring civilian population. Responsibility for this crime against humanity also rests with the US ruling circles acting as direct helpers and patrons of the insolent Israeli aggressors.

On behalf of the Soviet working people the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions condoles with the Egyptian people over the death of children in the village of Bahr

el-Bakr. Soviet working people and trade unions vigorously denounce the aggressive circles in Israel whose crimes resemble the atrocities perpetrated by the Hitlerites in the Second World War. We wrathfully condemn Israel's imperialist protectors and re-affirm our fraternal solidarity with the working people of the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries fighting for their freedom and independence, against the encroachments of the forces of imperialism, reaction and world Zionism.

Soviet trade unions firmly support the anti-imperialist struggle of the Arab peoples and will continue to do everything possible to eliminate the consequences of the Israeli aggression, to bring about a just political settlement in the Middle East.

The AUCCTU offers its deep condolences to all families that have lost their children in the beastly bombing by the Israeli aggressors.

All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions

A TELEGRAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS

On behalf of the Soviet Women's Committee and the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, V. Nikolayeva-Tereshkova, Chairman of the Soviet Women's Committee, and V. Khvostov, President of the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, have sent the following telegram to U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization.

We request that you make known among UN members our indignation over the atrocious crimes committed by the Israeli military, over the murder of children. We hope that effective steps will at last be taken to implement the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, in view of the horrible consequences of the failure to carry it out.

AN INHUMANE CRIME

Like all Soviet people, members of the Soviet Red Cross have learned with profound indignation of another monstrous crime committed by the Israeli military against the peaceful population of the United Arab Republic. According to press reports, Israeli aggressors flying US-built "Phantom" aircraft bombed the outskirts of Zagazik in Sharkia Province on April 8. The bombs hit the elementary school Bahr el-Bakr killing 30 and wounding 36 children.

The barbarous bombings of civilian targets, the killing of peaceful population, including women, old people and children, reveal the aggressive nature of the Israeli ruling clique which has trampled underfoot the principles of humanity and commonly accepted moral standards.

The continuing Israeli atrocities on Arab soil show the true face of the arrogant criminals who ignore world public opinion and the appeals and demands of international organizations.

This is also confirmed by the insolent refusal of the Israeli authorities to recognize the Fourth Convention on the protection of civilian population in the event of war despite the fact that the Israeli Government signed all the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

On behalf of millions of its members the Executive Committee of the Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies wrathfully condemns the continuing Israeli aggression against the Arab countries and demands an immediate end to the criminal war, the withdrawal of the Israeli troops from the occupied territories and the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East.

Professor G. MITIREV,
Chairman of the Executive Committee,
USSR Union of the Red Cross and Red
Crescent Societies

SHAME ON THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS!

We actors of the Moscow Jewish Drama Company resolutely condemn the aggression of the Israeli military against the Arab peoples.

We consider the acts of the Zionist provocateurs utterly disgraceful and demand that a stop be put to the monstrous crimes of the Israeli military aided by their patrons in Washington. The new outrageous crime of the Israeli aggressors, the bombing and strafing with rockets of an elementary school in the village of Bahr el-Bakr killing and wounding 77 persons, reminds one of the hitlerite atrocities committed during the Second World War. No one can remain indifferent to the bloody crimes of the air pirates.

We are particularly indignant at the "tutelage" offered by Mrs. Golda Meir with regard to us Soviet Jews. She would do much better to think about saving the Jewish people who live in Israel and are exposed to real danger owing to the provocative policy of the Tel Aviv ruling circles. Mrs. Golda Meir should not waste her time in making mendacious appeals.

Actors P. AIBINDER, S. BINIK, H. BLINCHEV-SKAYA, M. KOTLYAROVA, L. KUPER, R. KURTS, N. SIROTINA, M. LEVIT, R. SHVARTSER, M. GEIKHMAN, S. GOLKOV, Z. KAMINSKY, N. LEVIT, G. LEVINZON, Z. MEIMAN, E. SPIVAK, E. TRAKTOVENKO, M. SHAPIRO; V. SHVARTSER, artistic director of the Company and Merited Artiste of the Russian Federation

Wrathful Indignation

The following are excerpts from numerous articles printed in the Soviet press after the barbarous bombing of an Egyptian school in Bahr el-Bakr.

"The world is shocked by new crimes perpetrated by the Tel-Aviv aggressors: Israeli aircraft have razed an Egyptian school killing and wounding scores of children," says a statement issued by the Soviet Lawyers' Association.

"This heinous crime results from the predatory, racist policy of the Israeli extremists supported by the US imperialists and following in the footsteps of the nazi killers.

"Once again mankind is a witness to the fact that the policy of racism and aggression leads to criminal actions violating the principles of human morals and international law.

"A quarter of a century ago the Nuremberg International Tribunal, acting for the freedom-loving nations, passed severe judgement on the leaders of Hitler's Germany guilty of similar crimes. The peoples outlawed for all times crimes against humanity which include, according to the statute of the Nuremberg International Military Tribunal, crimes against peace—the unleashing and conducting of aggressive wars; war crimes, in particular murder and torture of the population on occupied territory, senseless destruction of villages and towns; crimes against humanity including in the first place murders, extermination, enslavement, and other atrocities with regard to civilian population and persecution on political, racial and religious grounds.

"Today these commonly recognized standards of international law are brazenly violated by the Israeli aggressors. The list of the crimes committed by the Israeli military is growing, and it is high time to stay the murderers' hand.

"Soviet lawyers voice their indignation at the heinous actions of the Israeli leaders and call on lawyers in all countries to raise their voice in protest against the crimes of the Israeli aggressors and their helpers."

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A statement of the Union of Soviet Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries says that the Israeli ruling circles supported by international imperialism brazenly raid peaceful towns and villages of the Arab states defending their freedom and independence.

The crimes of the Israeli military once again show the whole world that the Israeli ruling circles in their hatred for the peaceful peoples are taking after the nazi butchers.

Like all Soviet people, the Union of Friendship Societies support their Government in the matter of the peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis on the basis of the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. They confirm their solidarity with the Arab nations fighting for the liberation of the occupied areas from the Israeli aggressors and demand that an end be put immediately to the brutal atrocities of the Israeli military and that the Israeli troops be unconditionally withdrawn from the occupied regions.

On behalf of millions of Soviet people the Union of So-

viet Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries assures the Arab peoples of their fraternal solidarity and support in the struggle to end the Israeli aggression, for peace and creative labour in the Middle East.

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Writers A. Barto, S. Mikhalkov, A. Alexin, merited artist K. Shah-Azizov, People's Artists of the Russian Federation I. Semenov and others write in their statement on behalf of the Association of Children's Writers and Artists of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies that the new unprecedented crime of the Israeli military has shocked the whole world. The writers and artists demand that the Israeli aggressors be called to account for their heinous crimes.

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"Nothing the Israeli bandits can say now will excuse the bombing of the school, for they knew what they were doing," says a joint statement of the RSFSR Ministry of Education, the Moscow Teachers' College and a group of school teachers. "Together with the people of the United Arab Republic we mourn the dead innocent children, we share the boundless grief of the Arab people," says the statement. We urge the United Nations at last to demand retribution for the atrocities committed by the Israeli rulers on Arab territory."

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More than five hundred students, post-graduates and professors and teachers of the Lenin Teachers' Training College in Moscow held a meeting in protest against the new provocation of the Israeli military, the barbarous raid on the peaceful Arab village, Bahr el-Bakr.

"On many occasions I have seen evidence of the crimes perpetrated by the nazis," said Assistant Professor N. Shumilov. "The actions of the Israeli military are a repetition of the nazi atrocities. We teachers well understand the indignation of the UAR people. The Israeli extremists

use the excuse of the "need" to attack military targets to murder peaceful population including children."

Wrathful speeches were made by student L. Guseva, Professor of history D. Baburin and college rector P. Kashutin.

"None of us can remain indifferent to this bloody crime," said P. Kashutin. "It cannot be considered apart from the general policy pursued by the imperialist powers, in the first place the United States. The difference is purely geographical. While American soldiers commit murders in Song My the Israelites kill people in Bahr el-Bakr."

The students, post-graduates and professors voiced their solidarity with the UAR people and demanded unconditional withdrawal of the aggressor troops from the occupied territories.

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A mass meeting has been held at the "Start" garments factory in Moscow where most of the workers are women. The speakers voiced their wrath and indignation at the crimes of the Israeli aggressors.

Laboratory assistant V. A. Revenko emphasized that the continued bombing of Arab territories testifies to the predatory policy of the Tel Aviv rulers with regard to the Arab peoples.

"We, women workers making clothes for children are pained to hear this sad news. We denounce the Israeli aggressors bringing death to Arab women and children," she said.

The meeting passed a resolution condemning the heinous crime of the Israeli military.

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"There is no limit to our indignation at the aggressive policy of the Israeli military committing aggression in the Middle East. It makes our hearts bleed to hear of the tragedy in the Egyptian village, Bahr el-Bakr," says a letter written by Shumova, Merited Teacher of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic, Kovalenko, secretary of the Party bureau, and Pshenichnaya, chairman of the trade union organiza-

tion, on behalf of the teachers of school No. 117 named after Lesya Ukrainka, in Kiev. "The atrocities of the Israeli military can be compared with the brown plague of Nazism. We brand with shame Zionism and those who raised their hand against innocent children and peaceful townspeople and villagers, those who threaten peace on earth."

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The instructors and students of vocational school No. 39 in Stupino, Moscow region, also expressed their protest and indignation. "Having learned of the new monstrous crime of the Israeli military which brought death to children and adults we voice our profound indignation," they write.

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"The crimes committed by the Israeli hangmen on Arab soil bring to one's mind the Nazi's atrocities on occupied Soviet territory during the Second World War," writes I. Lizogubova, Merited Teacher of the Russian Federation living in Moscow. "In 1941, I was an eighth-former and I still remember lessons during a blackout when the school shook from bomb explosions," she writes.

"Now when it seemed that guns had been silenced forever and bombs had ceased to explode, once again people are being killed and blood is being shed. There is no limit to the outrages of the Israeli aggressors who do not stop at killing children to attain their aims.

"We Soviet teachers and all those who have devoted their lives to children wrathfully demand that an end be put to the crimes of the Israeli military and punishment be meted out to those guilty of the heinous murders!"

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"The personnel of the Ministry of Education and all teachers of the Ukrainian Republic are shocked by the new infamous crime of the Israeli military," writes Udovichenko, Minister of Education of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Re-

public. "The barbarous bombing of the Egyptian elementary school at Bahr el-Bakr is no less cruel than the atrocities of the nazi monsters."

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"The personnel of the All-Union Research Institute of Vocational Training express their profound indignation at another monstrous crime of the Israeli military, the wanton killing of children at Bahr el-Bakr," write Institute director Skorodumov and Party bureau secretary Simonova from Leningrad.

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The teachers and pupils of secondary school No. 1 in Tbilisi, capital of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, wrote an indignant letter protesting the barbarous and criminal bombing by the Israeli aggressors of a school in the United Arab Republic.

II. THE MYTH OF THE “PROMISED LAND”

At various times Soviet Jewish citizens had left the Soviet Union for Israel. Influenced by Zionist propaganda they truly believed that Israel was the homeland of the Jewish people. They had hoped to reunite with their relatives there, in the “promised land,” and start a new life.

But in time their hopes turned into bitter disappointment. The former Soviet citizens, accustomed to the Soviet way of life whose motto is “Everything for Man,” found themselves in an alien atmosphere.

Their letters addressed to the Soviet Government are full of self-reproach. Some of these letters and passages from them have been published by the Novosti Press Agency.

Long before war broke out in the Middle East in June 1967 a group of Soviet citizens, deceived by Tel Aviv’s lavish promises, went to Israel. Later they sent the following message to the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium.

“We, Soviet Jews, former Soviet citizens, sincerely ask you to allow us to return to our motherland—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

“We arrived in Israel at different times, deceived by the utterly false Zionist propaganda about the Palestinian Jewish paradise. We were promised sundry blessings: jobs, flats, etc., even class harmony.

“Life in Israel and our own bitter experiences here show

that Zionism does not correspond to the interests of working Jews; in fact, they are in sharp conflict. Zionism is the ideology of the big Jewish bourgeoisie serving the US imperialists.

“Ruthless class exploitation covered up by jingoistic slogans (instead of ‘class harmony’) prevails in Israel.”

In early 1970 Abram Cherchis, an ex-resident of Odessa and a former Soviet citizen, wrote from Israel expressing similar feelings. His letter, addressed to the USSR Supreme Soviet, in which he asked for permission to return to the Soviet Union was circulated by the Soviet mission at the UN on March 19.

What made Abram Cherchis leave Israel? And why did he decide to return to the Soviet Union? This is what his relatives and friends had to tell:

Cherchis was brought up in an orphanage, studied to become a wine-maker, fought in the war with Finland (1940) and the Great Patriotic war against nazi Germany, and was awarded government decorations. In 1945 he was demobilized and returned to his former peacetime occupation. Abram Lazarevich was respected by his colleagues and considered an excellent worker. Cherchis had a good salary, a three-room flat, and a car. In 1967 he retired from his job as a factory shop superintendant and went on pension. He got a maximum pension of 120 roubles. His elder son Ilya is a well-known wrestler and a Merited Master of Sports. His other son Leonid finished secondary school and was drafted. His daughter Svetlana also had a secondary education.

In the last few years letters began pouring in from his mother-in-law who lived in Israel. They literally upset his family life. The old woman complained about ill health and loneliness and urged her daughter to go to Israel. She praised the life there, listing all the blessings awaiting those who would go to the land of their fathers. At long last Abram's wife decided to go.

Abram Cherchis put little trust in the stories about the paradise awaiting them in Israel, but he failed to dissuade his wife from going.

On May 29, 1969 the Cherchises and their daughter (the sons flatly refused to go) set out for Israel.

Soon after his arrival in Israel Abram Lazarevich wrote to his sons and brother Yefim that he had made a fatal mis-

take, that life in a capitalist country was unbearable. Abram wrote that he had applied to Soviet authorities to help him return to the Soviet Union which "is the most just country and where everything is done for the good of the people and not just a handful of the rich as in capitalist Israel."

In late March 1970 the USSR Supreme Soviet satisfied his request: Soviet citizenship was restored to him and he was granted permission to return to the Soviet Union.

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In late 1969 Semyon Palatnik, who works in the Odesa Polytechnical Institute, received a letter from his sister who had gone to Israel at the invitation of her relatives there. She wrote the following:

"My dear Senechka, I have been in the 'wonderland' for four months now, but I could not compose myself and write you a letter, because there is nothing good here and I didn't want to write about what was bad. I first thought things would work out. But alas! Many things here irritate us, we cannot get used to them and never will.

"We, people who were born and educated in the Soviet Union and had lived there for so many years, cannot stand the order of things here, in a capitalist country. You cannot understand this, being so far away. But if you should see it for yourself, you would realize. . . . Lenya is ill. If he doesn't get better, I don't know what I'll do. My nerves are strained. Homesickness must have complicated his illness, he misses his country, his friends. I shall never forgive myself for what I've done. I have ruined our life and what for? I kept this letter unsent for more than a month, because I did not want to worry you, but unfortunately there is no other way out. If possible, send a parcel for mother, that's her request. We shall try to get permission to come home. Please help us in this.

SPECTOR A. D.
Flat 5, 12 Izhock Sade Street,
Jazur, Israel"

Another letter by Palatnik's sister ends with the following words: "If I manage to come back to my country I shall cry from the highest tower: 'What a boon it is to be a Soviet citizen!'"

In mid-1969 Sh. I. Monastyrsky, a pensioner and resident of Odessa (Krasnyi Pereulok 4), wrote to the Soviet Red Cross Society asking the society to help his relatives.

Natan, his son-in-law, had gone to his relatives in Israel two years previously. Natan's wife and their two children at first refused to leave the Soviet Union. But she did not want her children to be fatherless and finally agreed to join her husband. And now she curses the day when she decided to take that step and begs her father to help her get permission to return to her native land.

"Natan made a great mistake when he came here. He is now very sorry. Life is hard here. We were swindled, and our life is ruined," writes Monastyrsky's daughter. "It is so difficult to leave this country, it takes money. But where shall we get it? Medical aid is costly, so is schooling; education is substandard. Natan gets subsistence wages, not enough to pay for Sasha's music lessons. Only fools would want to leave our native town. We now live in an out-of-the-way village. I am homesick, the whole thing is extremely painful to me."

In another letter she writes: "I am heartbroken, I shall probably never be well again. I dream of returning. I would give up everything to bring back my recent past which is now irretrievably lost. I suffer greatly. I am so homesick. . . There is nothing more dreadful than life in a foreign land. What have I to do with this land? It is alien to me, its people, language, nature. To understand me you'll have to live here. I think of home all the time. Even strangers tell me I was wrong to have come here. . . When I wake up in the morning and realize I am in Israel and that everything is lost I feel like wailing. What have I done! Some people here have been Israeli residents for 20 years now and they are sorry they came here. . . My God! I would be happy if only I could go and live somewhere else. I would be overwhelmed with joy if I could come home. . . Every day we listen to Radio Moscow and feel so homesick. Children must have a father, but it would be better for them to be fatherless than live here."

Monastyrsky's daughter wrote bitterly in one of her last letters: "I do not understand people who would want to

live outside the USSR. For nostalgia is a sickness, a cancer of the soul which gradually kills a man.”

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Physician Ioffe Semyon Zalmanovich, his wife Hava and their son Benyamin, aged 15, formerly lived in Riga. They wrote the following from Israel in their letter to the Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet: “We have made a grave mistake; we have taken a thoughtless and silly step. We shall never forgive ourselves. We have ruined our life and the life of our son who, being so young, is not guilty. After we came here we saw that the country faithfully serves US imperialism and acts as its agent in the Middle East.

“My wife’s sister persuaded us into coming to Israel. She has deceived us. We have broken with her completely. . . We ask you to allow us to return to our native land—the USSR, so that our son can go to a Soviet school and become a useful citizen of his socialist motherland. My wife and I will give all our energy and knowledge for the benefit and prosperity of our beloved Soviet Land.

SEMYON, HAVA, BENYAMIN IOFFE, Flat 12,
56 Tsahil Street, Petah Tikwa, Israel”

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The marriage of Benedicta Tskavzaradze (a former resident of the city of Batumi, Soviet Georgia) was a failure. After her divorce Benedicta Tskavzaradze went with her two children to Israel where her mother lived.

She was a deeply religious woman—a fact which influenced her decision to go to Israel. In late 1969 she sent a letter to the USSR Supreme Soviet in which she asked for permission to return to the Soviet Union. Enclosed with the letter was an appeal addressed to “any Soviet press organ” which reads in part: “I appeal to all Soviet Jews irrespective of age, occupation or faith.

“Jews! Stay in the USSR, kiss Russian soil thrice every day and pray to your ancestors that they may protect you

from the mistake I made: I left my home and native land, my friends and my job: now I have lost my freedom and the right to be a human being, the right to education and medical attention.

"I have brought my children to the land of Israel where they are labelled 'goys' because their father is not a Jew. This bars them from school unless they are circumcised.

"I have come to Israel to scrub floors for my rich 'brethren in faith.' People who wish to return to the USSR (they are in the majority in our community) are persecuted by the Bitahon (security police).

"My neighbours—Rozenberg from Riga, Vekeris from Moldavia, Paikin from Riga, Benasher from Vilnius—curse the day they came to Israel and have all applied for return visas. Forty per cent of Soviet immigrants suffer from heart trouble because of the hot climate and the icy indifference of Israeli residents.

"Jews! Don't be fools! Listen to Radio Moscow and not to Kol Israel.

"I also appeal to competent Soviet agencies: forgive me for my grave mistake; do not let my children perish in Israel!"

III. SERVANT TO IMPERIALIST REACTION. AN INSTRUMENT OF MASS-SCALE BLACKMAIL AND DECEIT

Below are articles on Zionism taken from the Soviet press. In them Zionism is seen as an ideology hostile to the interests of peoples, including the people of Israel, and as one of the major tools of international imperialist reaction.

Zionism, a Tool of Imperialism

Zionism may be considered an economic, political and military corporation which has placed itself at the service of national exploiting classes, on the one hand, and world imperialism, especially US imperialism, on the other.

I shall not go in detail into the history of the rise of Zionism. In the nineties of the last century when the Austrian journalist, Theodore Herzl, published his book *Jewish State*, which international Zionism later used as its ideological "manifesto," hardly anyone had any doubts as to the class nature of this "teaching." What were the ideas which Herzl and later his followers "disclosed" to the world? They were to unite all Jews living in various countries and to have them settled in the "promised land," and to establish a "classless" society there. And so instead of an irreconcilable class struggle there is the "harmony of classes", instead of the toppling of the bourgeoisie and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat there is the "supraclass Jewry"; in brief, what we had there was an open call for the isolation of Jewish working people from the

vigorously developing proletarian movement in the countries where they lived and, ultimately, for using them against this movement.

It was clear from the very beginning that international Zionism—organizationally, it came into being in 1897 in the Swiss city of Basel where the World Zionist Organization was formed—was aimed against socialist goals, against Marxism. Already in 1903, Lenin pointed out in his work *The Position of the Bund in the Party* that “this Zionist idea is absolutely false and essentially reactionary.”

No wonder Zionism has made its nests in the most reactionary establishments of big monopoly capital in the USA, Britain, the FRG and a number of other countries. Zionist activities are extremely diverse, ranging from religious propaganda to espionage for Western intelligence services, from preachings of “universal Jewry” to political murders.

Let us look into just a few pages of the history of international Zionism, which record a fair number of disgraceful and foul actions. “Rich Jews, now compelled to hide their treasures and feast with the shutters closed, will be able to enjoy life in their own state freely. . .” These words were written by Herzl, the “spiritual father” of Zionism, towards the end of the last century. Yet, in order to have feasts, according to Herzl, one should be a subordinate and put aside humane principles and morality. No wonder the “spiritual father” of Zionism was once on very friendly terms with Wilhelm II, and some of Herzl’s successors were in agreement with Hitler. You will say that this is going too far. But believe it or not, this is a fact. *Der Spiegel*, the West German magazine, in its issue of December 19, 1966, had the following to say: “The victory of the German anti-Semites was for the Zionists a matter of great joy (the seizure of power by Hitler—*L. U.*). They immediately saw in it a defeat of enlightened Western Jewry who did not care a straw about Zionism and preferred to live and develop amidst other nations. . . Inasmuch as the Zionists and nazis both considered the question of race and the nation to be more important than anything else, there should inevitably have appeared a link between them.” According to the same magazine, the chief of the department for Jewish affairs of the nazi intelligence service, von Mildenstein, promoted the activities of Zionist organizations by setting up camps for re-education where young Jews were trained

for work in Palestine. Secret agent Reichert of the German Bureau of Information in Palestine, on instructions from his chiefs, was in contact with one of the main leaders of a secret Zionist organization. . .

One may also mention the so-called affair of the former Chairman of the Zionist Committee for the Salvation of Hungarian Jews, Dr. Kastner, as reported in Israeli newspapers in 1953. During the trial, which had to do with the insult received by Dr. Kastner from M. Grinwald, another Israeli citizen, Kastner had to admit that he had maintained direct contacts with the nazi leaders who were engaged in "exterminating" half a million Hungarian Jews and that he had known of the nazi plans in advance but had kept silence allegedly in order to save the lives of certain "Zionist activists."

Today Zionists avoid recalling the fact that nazi thugs hurled Jewish children into the furnaces at Auschwitz and Majdanek or used them as "material" for experiments conducted by doctor-cannibals in SS uniforms. True, one should also do justice to the neo-nazis in present day Bonn: they did not feel hurt for very long that Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Tel Aviv. Business is business!

Zionism means anti-communism in action, and for this the imperialists of the USA, the FRG, Britain and some other countries are ready to pay in cash and forget old offences.

Zionism is the theory and practice of aggression against the Arab states for the purpose of liquidating progressive Arab regimes. Of course, Western imperialist circles, above all those in the United States, try to present matters in such a way as to suggest that Israel "acted alone" when it started the war against the Arab states allegedly in order to defend the existence of the "peaceful refuge of the Jews" who had congregated at the hill of Zion with the aim of carrying out the behests of the Old Testament. But the events that took place after June 1967 made even the most devoted followers of the Old Testament see things in their true light. Could the Mount of Zion have meant much, when Shimon Perez, the former Israeli Deputy Defence Minister, declared with undisguised cynicism: "It took land forces and thousands of pilots 10 years to prepare for the first 80 minutes of the war." Well, at least this time he was telling the truth. The attack carried out by Israeli militarists

against the Arab countries had been prepared carefully, and in utter secrecy, by world imperialism and Zionism over a long period of time, and it had been financed by them too. In the early days of the war Tel Aviv received, openly, about 1,500 million dollars from a Zionist concern.

The Zionists have been careful to camouflage their anti-democratic activity. They become angry when facts about their dirty activity are exposed. Their favourite method of defence is to accuse the other side of "anti-Semitism."

Actually, the Zionists do not at all regard anti-Semitism as an evil, but rather as a boon. Incidentally, the "spiritual father" of Zionism, T. Herzl, wrote about this in his diary: "In Paris. . . I started viewing anti-Semitism in a somehow broader way; I am beginning to understand it historically and forgive it. Moreover, I recognize the futility and unreasonableness of a struggle against anti-Semitism. . . Besides, anti-Semitism, being a powerful and rather subconscious force, will not harm the Jews. I consider it a movement useful for the development of Jewish individuality." Here one cannot but be reminded of the following fact. After the formation of the state of Israel, Ben Gurion, a prominent leader of international Zionism, ordered his agents to blow up a synagogue in Baghdad secretly; this provocation was immediately labelled by Israeli propaganda as a "monstrous act of Arab anti-Semitism." That was exactly what the Hitlerites did: they dressed their soldiers in Polish uniforms and then organized a "Polish" attack on a German radio station in order to start military operations against Poland.

Zionism is an extremely dangerous phenomenon in our time. It serves two masters: the monopoly bourgeoisie of Israel and world imperialism, US imperialism, above all. By unleashing a war in the Middle East and placing themselves at the service of imperialism, the Zionists are gambling with the fate of the Israeli people. That is why all upright working Jews both in Israel and other countries, the courageous Communist Party of Israel are demanding that an end be put to the aggression inspired by the Zionists in the Middle East, and have put forward the following slogan: "Not with imperialism against the Arab peoples, but with the Arab peoples against imperialism!"

L. VOLF
Izvestia, March 10, 1970.

Class Essence of Zionism

History shows quite convincingly that when the exploiting classes, especially the bourgeoisie, strive to indoctrinate the broad masses of people with their ideology they do not come out openly and defend their class interests but resort to social mimicry and demagoguery, passing their interests for the interests of the entire people.

This lesson of history should be borne in mind when examining the substance and class nature of Zionist ideology.

Zionism emerged towards the end of the 19th century with a widely publicized programme of "complete" solution of the "Jewish problem" through the establishment of a national Jewish state on the territory of Palestine which had in antiquity been the land where Hebrew society and its class state had developed.

The history of the Jewish people, like that of all other peoples, conforms to the general laws of the historical process and the laws of class struggle between the oppressed and their oppressors. That is why the exploiting leaders of Jewish society have always tried to cover up class contradictions by patriarchal-paternalist, philanthropic talks, by claims that there was allegedly no class division among Jews.

Lenin pointed this out when he wrote that "Among the Jews there are working people, and they form the majority. They are our brothers, who like us, are oppressed by capital; they are our comrades in the struggle for socialism. Among the Jews there are kulaks, exploiters and capitalists, just as there are among the Russians, and among people of all nations. . .

"...Rich Jews, like rich Russians, and the rich in all countries, are in alliance to oppress, crush, rob and disunite the workers."

Zionist ideology tries to make the Jewish question appear as something outside history and unchanging. Actually, however, the Jewish question, like all social phenomena, has undergone important changes in the course of time epochs. Firstly, two tendencies may be noted in the development of Jewish communities: the tendency towards isolation and the tendency towards association with

the national majority of the given country. The tendency towards association, towards organic merging with the life of a given country can be seen particularly clearly in the sphere of culture. Jews, having mastered the language of the given people, became merged (assimilated) with the majority of the population, with the native people. On the other hand, the tendency towards isolation was due both to external factors (for instance, ghettos) and discrimination measures and to the desire of Jewish conservative circles for self-isolation arising from conceptions of the "exclusiveness" of the Jewish people believed to be "God-chosen." It is this conservative tendency that lies at the basis of the Zionist "solution" to the Jewish question.

The natural, voluntary assimilation of Jews on the basis of civic emancipation has proved to be a historically progressive process. And it is the more progressive, the more profound are the bourgeois-democratic changes taking place in the given country. All truly progressive leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, have supported such a solution of the Jewish question. Marx championed it. Lenin wrote "that is precisely what the Jewish problem amounts to: assimilation or isolation?"

Afraid of losing its position of domination over "its own" workingmen, the bourgeoisie of tsarist Russia incited nationalist sentiments and tried in every way to isolate "their own" working masses from the general proletarian, international struggle. The Jewish bourgeoisie, too, whipped up nationalist feelings, opposed international solidarity of the working folk with bellicose bourgeois nationalism, stupefying, fooling and disuniting the workers in order to make them toe the line of the bourgeoisie, as Lenin pointed out.

Zionism made use of two myths which Judaism assiduously cultivated in the minds of the working people, of the disinherited: one is about the Jews being the "chosen" people, and the other is about the "coming of the Messiah." These myths, which brought "consolation" to the masses suffering from hardships and torment that fell to their lot, enabled the clergy of any religion in a class society to carry out their function: to suppress activities, stifle discontent, distract the people from the struggle to change their position, and to make them submissive.

The Zionist leaders used this tested method for the same

purpose— to make the masses submit to their absolute rule and to force them to support the scheme of setting up, with the help of one European power or a group of European powers, a Jewish state in Palestine. To make certain that this support will be active and strong, Zionism advanced yet another thesis about anti-Semitism being “eternal” and inherent in all nations, which can only be overcome by the resettlement of the Jews from places of their “dispersion” in a state of their own.

The myth about the Jews being the “chosen” people was, on the one hand, an assertion of the “exclusiveness” of the Jews as distinguished from all other peoples, a negation of class contradictions within this people; on the other hand, it meant regarding other peoples as “inferior” peoples belonging to a “lower” race, the cultivation of an attitude of ill-will towards those who, supposedly, were anti-Semites.

This thesis is politically harmful and immoral, because it compels the exploited to subordinate himself to the exploiter who is his fellow man. It is directed against proletarian solidarity and international cooperation of all working people, and, like other kinds of national-chauvinism, fosters the immoral attitude of “what I don’t want to be done unto me, I can do unto others.”

The idea of setting up, with the aid of European powers, a Jewish state in Palestine distracted the Jewish working people from the international revolutionary struggle in the countries where they lived.

Although outwardly Zionism and anti-Semitism are opposite to each other—judeophilia and judeophobia—they have much in common. Zionism deliberately inflames anti-Semitism, while anti-Semitism stirs up Zionism. The class approach to the Jewish question is substituted by both Zionism and anti-Semitism by a racist approach. Both consider the Jews an exclusive people: according to the Zionists the Jews are a “superior” people, a “chosen” people; the anti-Semites, on the other hand, attribute negative qualities to the Jewish people. Both favour the resettlement of Jews from the countries where they are living. And both express national-chauvinist ideology and psychology: the anti-Semites are ready to declare all Jews Zionists, while the Zionists are ready to proclaim all Gentiles anti-Semites.

Anti-Semitism is a historical phenomenon, and, there-

fore, a transient phenomenon. It was not the resettlement of the Jews but (prior to the socialist revolution) the democratization of society that helped to discredit and overcome anti-Semitism. In a socialist society, anti-Semitism has been completely uprooted, and the conditions for its existence have been liquidated.

Among the leaders of Zionism there were both outright racialists (for instance, Zhabotinsky), who "anticipated" the much later ideology of corporative fascism and "inventors" of eclectic petty-bourgeois systems, who considered themselves "progressive." However, the essence of Zionism and its ideological principles have remained the same since the very start and accord with the interests of the bourgeoisie and not of the people. The opposition of the Zionists to the revolutionary struggle of the masses against tsarism, and, after the Great October Socialist Revolution, to the upbuilding of a socialist society showed that Zionism is a reactionary, anti-popular, bourgeois-nationalist ideology.

The evolution of Zionist ideology was determined by the social and political changes resulting from the general laws of development of imperialism in the 20th century and the general crisis of capitalism. The most predatory and prosperous section of the Jewish bourgeoisie became a big monopoly bourgeoisie linked by close bonds with international monopoly capital. Zionism was a real blessing to certain circles of the imperialist bourgeoisie, particularly those in the USA and the FRG, in their pursuit of an aggressive neo-colonialist policy.

Through international Zionist organizations the Jewish monopoly bourgeoisie incites anti-Sovietism and tries to mislead politically immature and gullible people with its venomous, slanderous propaganda. The source of this anti-Sovietism lies, of course, in class hatred towards the world's first socialist state, which abolished capitalism, and in the fact that the Soviet Union has historically proved that the Jewish question can only be solved on the basis of the victory of socialism.

The victory of the October Revolution and the building of socialism in the Soviet Union completely confirmed the correctness of the Leninist stand on the Jewish question. The revolution completely abolished every manifestation of national oppression and anti-Semitism; the Soviet Constitution states that all national discrimination violates

socialist law and is punishable as a crime. The social, moral and political position of the Jewish population has radically changed. An end has been put for all times to poverty and pauperism, from which the broad masses had suffered. A Jewish Autonomous Region has been established. As historical experience has shown, the overwhelming majority of the Jewish population in the USSR have chosen to work and live among the other Soviet peoples. Naturally, in these circumstances a process of assimilation of large numbers of Jewish people takes place. Mixed marriages, the adoption of Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian, Georgian or other languages as their own and the overcoming of religious and nationalist prejudices explain the fact that this process is taking place absolutely voluntarily in socialist conditions.

As Marx and Lenin predicted, this process was a healthy one; it helped to draw the working people of Jewish nationality, as all the peoples emancipated by the socialist revolution, into active participation in all spheres of production, social life, culture and science, art and literature. There is no need to mention names here in order to show that this process has been a healthy one; they are widely known. It is precisely in the Soviet Union that the Jews have acquired a real motherland.

What, therefore, can Zionist propaganda offer in face of these historical results except slander? For these results show the entire historical groundlessness of the main principles of Zionist ideology: the Zionists' claim to be the only representatives of the Jewish people, and the anti-historical notion of "world Judaism" which has long ago been exposed by Lenin and now pursues one aim—to bind the Jewish working masses to the reactionary imperialist circles by false nationalistic ideas.

The class essence of present-day Zionism is clearly revealed in the policy of aggression against the Arab states conducted by the Zionist leaders of Israel. All the manifestations which had in the past exposed Zionism as a reactionary bourgeois nationalist ideology have today become more pronounced.

The rulers of Israel, their extremist groups which represent the interests of the Jewish monopoly bourgeoisie, are imposing on the people of Israel an adventurist policy based on "positions of strength," a policy clothed in peace-

avowing phrases. But these "positions" rest on artificial, transient factors that appeared during the Israeli-Arab conflict. We say "artificial" because war is part of the policy, and the policy of the Israeli rulers had been determined long before the rise of the Israeli state by the chauvinistic attitude of the Zionists towards other peoples, by the necessity of protecting imperialist powers and the principle of "I can do what others may not."

In some ways the racist ideas of the Zionists resemble the racial "theory" of the nazis. Recently the Knesset (parliament) adopted a law according to which the Jewish nationality of a person will be determined on the basis of racial features and acceptance of orthodox Judaism.

Even before the recent conflict broke out the Zionist leaders had been pursuing a policy which tended to create national discord. The aggressive measures carried out by the present extremist leaders of Israel are in full conformity with these ideological principles. They explain and bear out the fact that present-day Zionism is a reactionary and pro-imperialist ideology.

Large segments of the Israeli population, influenced by nationalist hysteria, are still following this suicidal policy imposed on them by the ruling quarters. However, sooner or later, the working people of the Israel will understand the criminal and disastrous character of this policy.

The progressive forces of Israel are being led by the Communist Party which is showing practical ways of peaceful development of the state: "not with imperialism against the Arab peoples but with the Arab peoples against imperialism". The internationalist position of the Communist Party of Israel will triumph despite all difficulties and repressions.

The June 1969 International Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties, which raised still higher the banner of proletarian internationalism, declared in its Main Document:

"We call for the broadest possible protest movement against the most ignominious phenomenon of our time, the barbarous persecution of the 25 million Negroes in the USA, the racist terror in South Africa and Rhodesia, the persecution of the Arab population in occupied territory and in Israel, against racial and national discrimination, against

Zionism, and anti-Semitism, all of which are fanned by reactionary capitalist forces and which they use to mislead the masses politically."

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The Poison of Zionism

People of good will in every part of the world are following with growing anxiety and indignation the dangerous course of events in the Middle East. The Zionist ruling clique of Israel have turned that area into one of the worst trouble spots on the globe.

Trying to secure an ideological screen for its adventurist policy the Zionist propaganda machine is stepping up the mass-scale conditioning of world public opinion. In doing so it resorts to the most brazen distortion of the truth, and attempts to brainwash Soviet citizens of Jewish descent. Before we demonstrate the futility of such attempts it is necessary to briefly review the main aspects of the Zionist "creed."

Zionism, defined by Lenin as an ideology "completely false and reactionary in its very essence," today appears as a sum total of ideologies and organizations of the Jewish big bourgeoisie closely connected with the imperialist circles of the USA, Britain, West Germany, the South African Republic and other countries of the capitalist world. Rabid anti-communism and racism of the worst kind are the principal distinguishing features of the instigatory, deceptive "works" by Zionist "theorists." One Zionist appeal says: "We can be proud of qualities that no other nation of the world possesses in such a measure." If that is not racism, what is it?

But perhaps modern Zionists consider statements like that outdated? Here we should like to recall, for the benefit of Israel's Prime Minister Golda Meir, how scandalized the "good society" of Israel was when her daughter decided to marry a Yemeni Jew. For even Israelites have different ratings in Zionist books. The "high quality mark" is given to

the so-called sabras—people born in Palestine: “second-grade” Israelites are the ashkenazis, people who came from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe; the lowest, “inferior” category are the sefards—Jews who came to Israel from the countries of the Mediterranean basin and the Middle East, and who constitute the majority of the population in Israel.

If we trace the Zionists’ connections with the most nefarious forces of our time we shall see that Zionists constitute one of world reaction’s shock units. Indicative in this regard is the understanding reached long before World War II between Zionist leaders and fascist rulers in a number of European countries. Consider for instance the notorious, diabolical deal Kastner, leader of the Hungarian Zionists, made with the nazi fanatic, Eichmann, whereby hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews were sacrificed to save a handful of rich Jews.

M. Benvenisti, former head of the Rumanian Zionist organization, minced no words when he wrote in 1944: “Rumanian Governments, even the most anti-Semitic—including Marshal Antonescu’s government—approved the activity of Zionist organizations.” There is nothing like being frank.

We admit that the Zionists and anti-Semites of a fascist hue were not exactly in love with one another. However, the decisive factor was the irreversible logic of the class struggle—not someone’s subjective sentiments: since anti-communism and anti-Sovietism are the core of both fascist and Zionist ideologies, and since the fascist ringleaders regarded Zionism as a reliable tool for splitting the working-class movement according to the national principle, their objectively identical class interests led the Zionists and the fascists to unite and cooperate.

There is complete accord in relations between Zionism and US imperialism, the leading force of world reaction today. And again it is the unity of class aims that underlies the sinister collusion of Zionist leaders and the US ruling circles and monopolies.

The world Zionist organization and the Zionist clan that rules Israel appear in our time as hard-working contractors of the oil empires across the ocean which help arm to the teeth Moshe Dayan’s thugs and turn his aggressive hordes into an armoured force appointed and encouraged by Washington to crush progressive regimes in a number of Arab

countries. In less than 20 years the stream of gold in the form of grants and credits pouring into the safes of Israeli extremists amounted to nearly 9,000 million dollars.

One of Zionism's strategic tasks is to tone down the class struggle within the Jewry of the capitalist countries and replace it with struggle for "national aims." And these aims, as viewed by Jewish bourgeois nationalism, consist in rallying round Zion (the mountain near Jerusalem) all Jews scattered about the world who, in Zionist notions, constitute a "single world Jewry." One need not be very shrewd to realize what consequences may result from that fallacious slogan of the Zionist program. It is obvious that there is no place within its present legal frontiers, specified by the UNO in 1947, for Israel to accommodate the 16 million Jews living outside Israel. It follows that even partial implementation of the slogan would involve territorial expansion, forcible acquisition of alien lands.

International piracy and violation of basic laws has long become the main line of the foreign policy pursued by the Israeli "hawks."

The following historical allusion is in place here. In the Middle Ages the crusaders justified their plunderous inroads to the East by their would-be divine mission "to recover the Sepulchre of Christ." Today the Zionists explain to the world that the "liberation" of the Jordanian part of Jerusalem was prompted by the righteous desire to give to Judaist believers access to another "sacred object"—"the wailing wall." It is worthy of note that when the United Nations debated the resolution denouncing Israel's capture of Old Jerusalem, the "sanctimonious actions" of the Zionist aggressors were understood and supported by only two states, Portugal and the South African Republic. No comment is needed here, we believe. Besides Biblical arguments, however, there are also secular contentions in the supply of overworked propaganda stunts which the peddlers of Zionist ideology offer retail and wholesale. The favourite merchandise is reference to the "historical right" of the Jewish people to possess their "ancestral" lands. However, in international law, just as in civil or criminal law, there is such a notion as prescription. Imagine the earthshaking catastrophies that could ensue if the peoples demanded a return to the status quo of 2,000, nay 200 years ago. The United States, for instance, would revert to the British Crown, for in the 18th century the present US

territory was still a British colony.

Palestine was no desert when the Zionist colonizers began eyeing it avidly—it has been populated by Arabs for the last 13 centuries. This fact could be overlooked only by shortsighted political adventurers.

Groundless speculations on “ancestral lands” are made the “theoretical substantiation” for instigatory appeals by Golda Meir to Soviet Jews whom she coaxes with nauseating persistence to “return” to Israel. Get this straight, Zionist gentlemen: Soviet Jews have only one homeland—the great Soviet Union, and we are not going to abandon it like an apple you have bit into or like an old pair of gloves. Our sons shall never handle the control sticks of your “Phantoms” or the steering wheels of your bulldozers which raze peaceful Arab villages to the ground; they shall never sow death among the innocent population of the Arab countries. We wish no part of your black deeds which would have been no mean addition to the service records of dyed-in-the-wool fascist killers. Look for simpletons who will swallow your poisonous propaganda some place else!

And another thing: Who gave the Meirs and Dayans the right to claim “spiritual guidance” of Soviet Jews when they do not even have the right to speak on behalf of all Israelites? For they represent only the extremist “elite” and those citizens of Israel whom they have so far succeeded in fooling with their “philosophy.” Zionism is the heart and soul of the darkest reaction and militant imperialism. Therefore, it remains the sworn enemy of all workers, regardless of their nationality or domicile.

While the Soviet people, including Jewish citizens, are unanimous in denouncing the irresponsible Zionist clique, the Israeli radio has recently come up with another provocation, claiming that Soviet Jews are compelled to take part in the “anti-Israeli, anti-Semitic campaign.” We shall note first that the Zionist propaganda machine has always based its hypocritical inventions on a deliberate, premeditated confusion of notions. “No, gentlemen, it is not Israel that the Soviet Union opposes,” stated the head of the Soviet Government, A. N. Kosygin, speaking on June 19, 1967, from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly, “but the aggressive policy of that country’s ruling circles.”

Contrary to what the apologists of Zionism are trying to prove, anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism are not identical no-

tions. People who oppose Zionism (and it is opposed by all progressives in the world) are at the same time fighting all kinds of national discord, including anti-Semitism. Zionists, however, are interested in artificially inflating anti-Semitism, for national discord nurtures Zionism. This was bluntly stated, in writing, by none other than the patriarch of Zionism, D. Ben-Gurion.

We cannot keep silent—our conscience does not let us, our conscience of staunch, dedicated internationalists educated in the lofty principles of the Leninist national policy. It is our conscience that prompts us to condemn Zionist gangsters and their cave-man views. To us racism is equally abhorrent, whether it flourishes in Alabama, in Rhodesia, or in the “Holy Land.”

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Zionism Without Masks

Smoke still covered over the ruins of Abu Zaabal after the raid of the Israeli air force when Mr. Pinkus, President of the Jewish Agency and one of the world Zionist leaders, cynically appealed to the Tel Aviv authorities to go on acting “as wisely and boldly” as before. “These two qualities,” he declared, “spring from the conviction that the Zionist cause is a just cause and that the existence of Israel is a guarantee of the preservation of the Jews.”

Mr. Pinkus who is a personal friend of Mrs. Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, and fully shares her views repeated almost verbatim the theses underlying the Zionist ideology first pronounced by the “father of Zionism,” Theodore Herzl, at the end of the last century. These concern the “racial exclusiveness and superiority of the Jews” and their “biblical motherland” which is the “guarantee of the preservation of the Jewish nation.”

Ideological Heirs of Theodore Herzl

1895—this was the time when colonialism flourished and the class awareness of the proletariat awakened. It was a time when imperialism, on the one hand, enjoyed unlimited power over the working people both in the metropolises and the colonies and, on the other hand, sought means of consolidating and preserving that power in the face of the mounting revolutionary movement of the proletariat and national-liberation struggle in the colonies.

It found one of such means in a booklet written by Theodore Herzl, an Austrian journalist, entitled the *State of Jews*.

What was so fascinating about this booklet? Surely not the religious ravings of Herzl about the "racial and cultural superiority" of Jews to other people, though the Rothschilds were undoubtedly pleased to learn that they were "exclusive." Much more valuable was the practical advice contained in the booklet on how to fight the proletariat in various European countries and maintain the colonial domination of the imperialist powers.

Herzl in effect asserted that the working Jews and the Rothschilds had the same interests, those of "true Jewry." In his view the interests of the Jewish working people were radically different from those of the toiling men of other nations. It followed that the oppressed Jews, no matter where they lived, should keep apart from workers' and liberation movements. Moreover, Herzl held that even Jews from the exploited class should oppose the "weak and oppressed," since only the "strong and powerful" were able to help build the "Jewish state."

Such treacherous "logic," however, was not the only attraction for the "high and mighty." Herzl's call for the creation of a "Zionist state at Mount Zion" tempted the imperialists for another reason. "For Europe," Herzl wrote, "we will create in Palestine an outpost against Asia; we will be the outpost of the civilized world against barbarity."

Thus we can see that Zionism was from its very inception opposed to the working-class movement and the national-liberation struggle and that it was this feature that made it so attractive to the imperialists.

Since the publication of Herzl's book the Zionist movement has grown in scope. Like a chameleon it adjusted itself to situations in various countries, to different regimes and politicians. When the state of Israel was set up in 1948, Zionists penetrated the ruling circles in Tel Aviv, seizing key government posts. Eventually Zionism found its principal and natural patron in the United States, the chief bulwark of imperialism.

Modern Zionism is the ideology, the political practice, a whole network of organizations of the big Jewish bourgeoisie which has associated itself with the monopoly circles in the USA and other imperialist powers.

A Sinister Consortium

The influential Paris newspaper *La Nation* recently made an interesting observation. "At times one gets the impression", it says, "that the state of Israel has in all Western countries where there are large Jewish communities unconditional allies ready to bring pressure to bear on the government of their country, to make it support Israeli politics in all cases, and denounce any government not yielding to this pressure."

There is much truth in this observation. One should not forget, however, that the "unconditional allies" referred to by *La Nation* do not represent Jewish communities as a whole but all kinds of open and secret Zionist organizations. In the 70 years that have elapsed since the first Zionist congress was held in Basle the Zionist movement has branched out into dozens of organizations which often have no outward resemblance to one another. The reason for this is not so much the internal wrangling of Zionist apostles as the increasing need to cover up their common basic goal, the attempt to split the workers' movement in the capitalist countries, the desire to give every help to the imperialist powers in their colonial robbery, to create a "great Israel."

World Zionism has no one single organizational centre, though its leadership has been claimed by the World Zionist

Organization with branches in 60 countries, the World Jewish Congress which has 67 national chapters, and other organizations which usually stress their universal character by including the word "world" in their name. It would be incorrect to identify world Zionism with the state of Israel, one reason being that Israel, like any other capitalist state, has its exploiter and exploited classes, the oppressors and the oppressed. But here are other reasons as well.

For example, the executive body of the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, has offices both in Jerusalem and New York; its president spends six months in Israel and the other six in the United States. Many important conferences of Zionist leaders are held in the USA. A meeting of US Zionists which took place late last January was greeted by President Nixon. A conference of two thousand top Zionists who gathered in Miami Beach, Florida, less than a month later received messages of greetings from Mrs. Golda Meir and Mayor Lindsay of New York.

One might say that there exists today an American-Israeli Zionist consortium. Zionist organizations in the USA possess immense wealth, they have close ties with the Administration, the Congress and various financial and industrial circles. They hold a strong position in the US press, radio and television.

US support for the aggressive policy of Israel in the Middle East is due not only to Zionism's great influence across the Atlantic but also to the fact that US imperialism has a direct interest in maintaining its economic and strategic positions in that area. Each year the US monopolies rake in some two and a half thousand million dollars from the Middle Eastern countries. Now that such fabulous profits are being endangered by the national-liberation struggle of the Arab people, the US oil tycoons such as David Rockefeller, Robert Anderson, and John McCloy regard Israel as their sheet anchor. The situation has been well described by the *New York Daily Column* which said, echoing Herzl's ideas, that should the United States lose Israel it would have nothing to lean upon from Gibraltar to Cairo as well as further South and East, as far as the Indian Ocean.

Thus it is clear that the interests of the Israeli Zionist leaders striving to carry out the expansionist idea of a "Great Israel" at the expense of the Arab peoples coincide with the interests of the US monopolists and militarists.

Under the Black Flag of Anti-Communism

Anti-communism is another feature of Zionism which, like the magic word "sesame" opens the armour-plated safes of monopoly capitalists in the United States, Federal Germany and Britain.

In the early years of the 20th century, shortly after the first Zionist congress was held in Basle, Lenin exposed Zionism as a reactionary and irrational doctrine which only benefits the Jewish big bourgeoisie and world imperialism. Thus Marxism-Leninism, which is essentially an internationalist teaching, became "enemy No. 1" for the Zionists. Zionists have been bitter opponents of Soviet power from the very beginning.

A few months after the victory of the October Revolution Zionists held a secret meeting in Moscow at which they declared: "Socialism bars the road to Zionism. Zionism and socialism are not only mutually opposed to each other; they exclude each other."

The Zionists acted against Soviet power in full conformity with this programmatic thesis during the Civil War, during the course of collectivization and industrialization and in the Great Patriotic War against fascism. Zionists who cried from rooftops about the "protection of Jews" were in cahoots with sworn anti-Semites when the latter attacked the Soviet Union and the international communist movement.

The Zionists regarded the nascent nazism as their ally against the world's first socialist state. While the nazis were murdering thousands of Jews in gas chambers and burning them in ovens in concentration camps the Zionists maintained business contacts with the nazi leader Eichmann whose views were later described by the Israeli journalist Hannah Arendt: "Eichmann despised assimilated Jews, orthodox Jews irritated him, Zionists he loved. . .".

The entire postwar history of Zionism testifies to complete understanding between the Zionist leaders and the imperialist circles in the USA, West Germany and Great Britain, when they took joint action against the Soviet Union, the international communist movement and the national-liberation movement.

The Zionist-inspired notion of "dual citizenship" and

"dual patriotism" of Jews living in various countries has been used by imperialist circles to undermine the socialist community of nations.

The Israeli rulers are now waging another vicious anti-Soviet campaign under the much-worn flag of "protection of the Jews." We would like to discuss this campaign in some detail.

Two Sides of the Medal

When Mrs. Golda Meir and her friends began talking about "protection of their Jewish brothers" from the socialist countries, particularly from the Soviet Union, one may safely bet that their move would be followed by another campaign in the West against "Soviet anti-Semitism."

The fact is that anti-Semitism has been from the very beginning the hobby-horse and support of the Zionist movement. Herzl stated frankly that he regarded anti-Semitism "a movement useful for the development of the Jewish personality." Ben Gurion, the modern follower of Herzl, said that "if he had the power" he would "pick out young people devoted to the cause of Zionism," "order them to be disguised as non-Jews and persecute Jews with crude anti-Semite methods."

Why would Ben Gurion want to do this? He answered this question himself: "The results of emigration to Israel would be ten thousandfold greater than those obtained by our emissaries who have been for decades pouring their sermons on deaf ears."

One should not be surprised in the light of these "theoretical revelations," that Mrs. Golda Meir makes use of alleged anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and pleads with the "Jewish brothers" to return to the "promised land." This is quite natural since modern Zionism is a special variety and even a branch of anti-Semitism. Zionism and anti-Semitism are two sides of the same medal; they both serve the imperialist aims of isolating nations and putting them against one another.

The aims of Zionism and anti-Semitism coincide. Zionists attempt to prove that Jews, wherever they live, should be regarded as a special nation, "gathered together" from

various countries and settled on a territory of their own. Rabid reactionaries and nazis who preach anti-Semitism also want Jews to be considered "alien elements" in the country where they live, who should be driven out of the country or otherwise "removed."

Thus Zionism and nazism have practically the same aims. That is why working Jews are indignant each time the present Zionist rulers of Israel, aided by the entire reactionary press in the West, come out against "anti-Semitism in socialist countries."

The disgraceful Zionist campaign has been resolutely denounced by a group of Jewish citizens of the USSR at a recent press conference in Moscow, it has been condemned in hundreds of letters published in the Soviet press. "We Soviet patriots and internationalists," says the statement read at the press conference, "reject the laughable claims by the Israeli rulers and their Zionist adherents in other countries of the right to speak on behalf of all Jews. Working Jews, like progressive people of all other nationalities, have nothing in common with the Zionist racists."

Israel lives in a state of religious fanaticism, moral terror and racial intolerance with regard to the Arab peoples and all people who do not accept Zionist views. Even Western publicists who have visited the "promised land" write about the "noxious odour of racist intolerance" emanating from the "Zionist claims of exclusiveness and the supreme right to decide and judge." And yet the Tel Aviv rulers who have stained their hands with the blood of their neighbouring people dare to talk about "protecting their Jewish brothers" the world over!



One must not underestimate the danger of this characteristic tactic of Zionism: any action against the Zionist movement, against the Zionist leaders in Israel and other countries is invariably dubbed "anti-Semitism." As the French writer Andre Wurmser has said "anyone who does not applaud the Israeli aggression against the Arabs is considered an anti-Semite."

World Zionism serves imperialist reaction and the forces of anti-communism. It must be unmasked.

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The "Great Israel" Bluff

"The Third Jewish Kingdom"

Quite a few "scientific" historical, political and other Zionist works have been published recently expounding the idea of Israel as "the third Jewish Kingdom", a concept that is popular in Israel today.

"...The new Israel is the *third* state born in the history of the Jewish people," A. Galin, an Israeli scholar, writes in his book *Israel, the Jewish State*: "What were the first two 'kingdoms'? The Biblical kingdom of David and Solomon and the state of the Maccabees. . ."

Why have Zionists started to engage in recollections of "hoary antiquity" and in dreams of the "greatness" of ancient Israel? The answer is perfectly clear. Insistence on Israel's right to "succeed" to the ancient Jewish kingdoms has to justify the territorial claims of the Zionists who demand the creation of a "great Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates," has to gloss over the ambitions to annex foreign territories inherent in the very concept of Zionism.

It was Theodore Herzl, the founder of Zionism, who demanded "sole sovereignty" over a definite geographical territory and proclaimed Palestine the "historical homeland" of the Jews.

Back in 1948 the first political act of the Zionist bourgeoisie, on coming to power, the "Declaration", proclaimed the "country of Israel" the historical homeland of the Jewish people. That was the first challenge to the United Nations which granted the right to state self-determination both to the Arabs and the Jews living in Palestine.

The Zionist concept of a "historical homeland" and, con-

sequently, of a Palestine "free of Arabs" led to the first Arab-Israeli war which ended in disaster for more than 900,000 Palestinian Arabs driven from their lands by the "conquerors." The analogous concept of a "Germany free of Jews" took a toll of millions of lives. Evidently, the new-styled racialists have too short a memory.

During the last two decades the rulers of Israel did everything to strengthen their close alliance with imperialism, sought to turn the country into a major arsenal, bridge-head and strong bastion of the West in the Arab East where colonialism was losing one position after another. The imperialists were not stingy: they invested more than 9,000 million dollars in Israel's militarized economy.

The rulers of Israel not only constantly spoke about "Lebensraum," but also tried to act accordingly, insolently ignoring the decisions of the United Nations. They did not permit Palestinian Arabs to return to their homeland. This, in effect, was a constant challenge to the Arabs, an artfully provoked "casus belli." For the Israeli Zionists the Palestinian Arabs did not exist.

The strategists of Zionism day after day conducted an artful propaganda campaign designed ultimately to justify the seizure of Arab territories. Thus, in a beautifully designed official government booklet *Israel in Figures. 1963* it was stressed in the very first pages that the state of Israel was taking up a *part* of the historical territory of the country of Israel. In ancient times Israeli tribes possessed a territory of 44,000 square kilometres. Thus, for the naive the idea was expounded of peace with the Arabs, of the present frontiers being acceptable to both sides. But actually such propaganda tricks were preparing the ground for creating the "myth" of the quarrelsome nature of the Arabs, their aggressiveness. A prolonged, hardly noticeable conditioning of public opinion was carried on. And when the hour struck a perfidious, blitzkrieg-type aggression was launched against the Arab countries.

The "victories" of Israel in the war against the Arab people were enthusiastically acclaimed by international Zionism which invariably supports the Israeli extremists in every way. What motivates this international bulwark of reaction which glorifies aggression? What are the Zionist organizations like?

The Zionist Octopus and Its Tentacles

The Zionist movement is a ramified and scattered network of Zionist and Jewish organizations in different countries. In the United States alone there are about 700 of them. Throughout the world 1,036 Zionist periodicals are published.

The Zionist organizations are tentacles of a tremendous octopus, the World Zionist Organization. Huge sums of "voluntary donations" flow into Israel along a capillary system. Through it close ties are maintained between the Government of Israel and influential reactionary circles of the United States and other capitalist countries. In this way, international reactionary forces carry on their foul activities against the socialist countries and all the progressive forces.

Developing the propaganda thesis of Israel as the homeland of "world Jewry," the Zionists are concretely putting forward programmatic aims and tasks, the most important being to promote the material and spiritual consolidation of Israel and its prosperity because Israel is the "centre of world Jewry," its "guiding beacon and pride." The Zionists appeal to the national sentiments of Jews, proclaiming return to the homeland of the "expelled" people to be "vitally important" or, to put it more simply, calling for the mass immigration of Jews to Israel. They count particularly on the Western youth, the most unstable and unsettled stratum of society. Calling for an offensive against the "diaspora,"* the Zionists insist on intensifying "Jewish self-consciousness" among the Jewish masses, on preserving "special" Jewish groups. In other words, they are propagating the old racist idea of the "world Jewry", who are "special" not only in anthropological respects, but also by virtue of the "historic mission" entrusted to them.

What will such a call for "self-isolation" of Jewish communities lead to? Only to the revival of medieval ghettos, the horrible breeding grounds of anti-Semitism. But this plays into the hands of the Zionists because, in their opinion, anti-Semitism stimulates the Zionist movement. Any outbreak of anti-Semitism helps swell the nationalist ranks.

The Zionists are raising a hue and cry about the tenden-

* The body of Jews living outside of Israel.

cy towards the assimilation of Jews that is evident in all countries. Thus, the number of mixed marriages in some US cities is as high as 40 per cent and in Australia, 70 per cent. The Zionists regard assimilation of the Jews worse disaster than Jewish pogroms in the past because, as they put it, this endangers the "very existence" of the Jewish people.

The international system of Zionism which provides Israeli ruling circles with direct financial support is by no means a philanthropic organization. Those who do not contribute money to Zionist organizations are publicly declared apostates. Donations of various kinds are a constant source for financing Israel's expansionist policy. In the long run, every Jew who donates money, wittingly or unwittingly, becomes an accomplice in the aggressive plans of the Tel Aviv ruling circles, a supporter of the "great Israel" policy.

Zionist activities affect the sphere of international law. They demand "dual loyalty" of the Jews and now "dual citizenship" also. What is more, Israel is to come first and then the country where they live. This is demanded of Jews regardless of whether the government of the country where they live approves of it or not.

Moreover, the Zionists demand international recognition of the status of a "single Jewish people" who are obliged to obey the "land of Zion" and the two centres where the leading agencies of the World Zionist Organization are located, Israeli-occupied Jerusalem and New York. They call for recognition of Israel's special "international mission" (because it is an "exceptional phenomenon", and does not "resemble other states") and also the special status of its diplomatic missions abroad for the purpose of maintaining constant, free and the broadest contact with Jews. They speak of the "direct duty" of Jews and the entire Zionist movement to create a so-called "Security Front of Israel," like the vaunted "Peace Corps." The activities of the brazen Zionists and their movement are beginning to assume forms and a scale threatening the sovereignty of other states.

Demanding "self-isolation" of Jews, they want to convert the Jewish communities, with the support of imperialism, into their well-secured hinterland, into "fifth columns" scattered throughout the world, which must conduct energetic subversive work against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. The Zionists demand the "legitimate" right

to intervene in the internal affairs of socialist countries, are calling for the conversion of Israel into a "superstate" for which the concepts of independence and sovereignty in the ordinary meaning of these words are alien.

Is it not too much, gentlemen? Is it not high time to call a spade a spade and to discard the veil of nostalgia for former grandeur? You have paraded long enough in the garb of defenders of the interests of the Jewish nation. It is sufficient for a Jew not to participate in your movement, and not to support it to be declared a traitor. The Zionists do not disdain to label as anti-Semitic anyone who disagrees with their sinister plans. Let the Zionist gentlemen not indulge in lies claiming that the Jews consider their "activity" as a blessing. Rodinson, a French Jew, for example, writes in *Jeune Afrique*: "The 'ties' with Israel were for the most part imposed by force on Jews."

Agents of Imperialism

Zionist circles are aware that nothing will come of the "fascinating" prospects of consolidating Zionism without the blessing of imperialist circles. An intercontinental Zionist empire without definite geographical boundaries has already been set up. The formation of an imperialist-Zionist syndicate in support of Israel is a fully obvious reality.

The essence of the alliance between the United States and Israel was commented upon with the utmost frankness by the *Jerusalem Post*. This Israeli newspaper stated that it must be made quite clear to Washington that Israel is the last bastion of the United States in the Middle East. If America does not help Israel unconditionally it is the Americans who will suffer most because they will be driven from the Middle East.

American imperialism with its neo-colonialist policy of suppressing the liberation movement of the Arab peoples and abolishing progressive regimes constitutes a firm foundation for Israeli expansion and Zionism. This sinister "syndicate" has been formalized organizationally within the bounds of the international Zionist movement.

The United Jewish Appeal, a powerful American organization, set up a special fund to aid the reactionary forces during the counter-revolutionary events in Hungary in 1956.

Since 1967 it has been organizing annual campaigns for donations to Israel's "emergency fund."

The French mission sent to Israel in 1970 to study its economic needs included two industrialists, Aboulker and Saltillet, furniture manufacturer A. Cleret and others. In Amsterdam the Zionists are conducting a "100-day" campaign for the collection of funds for Israel. At the recent session of the International Zionist Congress it was confirmed that in 1969 US aid to Israel reached a record figure for the last twenty years. In reply to the piratical raid of Israeli aircraft on the Abu Zaabal Steel Works, 64 American Senators and 243 members of the House of Representatives issued an appeal not to leave Israel defenceless (!). The financial and industrial tycoons who render help to Israel—the American Browders and Weiners, the French Rothschilds, the British Siffs and Wolfsons, the West German Spitzes and the Italian Meyers who personally or through their agents take part in Zionist activities—these are the magnates of capital of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and other countries. It is not surprising that the stepped-up activities of international Zionism are accompanied by strikingly pronounced anti-communism and anti-Sovietism.

The "Jewish question" in the USSR is repeatedly dragged out of the rubbish heap by inveterate anti-Sovieteers, it is diligently mooted at all Zionist congresses and conferences which are turned into international rostrums of anti-communism.

The last, 27th Congress of the World Zionist Organization adopted a "New Programme of Jerusalem" which calls upon all Jews to return to the land of Israel. Here you have the Zionist solution to the problem of occupied Arab territories.

The Israeli extremists are interested in escalating the war. But it is high time for them and their international patrons to realize that the progressive forces the world over do not possess infinite patience. The Israeli aggressors must not be allowed to ignore perpetually the decisions of the United Nations. The Israeli and international Zionists are endangering the very existence of the state of Israel whose only prospect of developing is by the complete de-Zionization and democratization of the country in all spheres of public life. Only by completely renouncing annexationist

aspirations is it possible to count on the establishment of a lasting peace between Arab states and Israel.

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Secret Servants of Zionism

Each day brings fresh evidence of the mounting ideological struggle which is part and parcel of the world class battle. It would be wrong to think that the bourgeoisie will give up without a fight. It shows its teeth and seeks to increase its influence over the masses, to indoctrinate the working people. Imperialism has evolved its strategy for struggle against the world communist and the national-liberation movements in which ideological sabotage plays a specific role. International Zionism by no means takes a back seat among the 300 or so anti-communist centres and organizations in the imperialist states. The Soviet press has carried many articles exposing the aggressive essence of Zionism as a tool of imperialism. The article below reveals still another, hidden aspect of Zionist activity.

Let us imagine we are at Abu Zaabal near Cairo, the scene of a tragedy now known throughout the world which took place a month and a half ago. On February 12 Israeli planes dropped their lethal load on the iron and steel works, turning it into a heap of rubble. The UAR Government allowed journalists from many countries to visit Abu Zaabal, so that the world could learn the truth about the crimes committed by the Israeli military. All who visited Abu Zaabal realized full well that it had been a premeditated action and that the target—a peaceful objective—had been chosen and plotted on the navigation map beforehand, that Tel Aviv's statement about a "navigational error" was simply an attempt by the ruling circles in Israel to pacify

public opinion. It was quite obvious that before the Israeli planes took off and headed for Abu Zaabal, somebody had been there and had jotted down the location of the plant in his notebook.

... Nights are dark on the Red Sea in December. Only a faint twinkle of stars is reflected in the velvety waters, and occasionally the signal lights of fishing boats drift by. On a day like this a self-propelled barge put out without lights. The wind did not flutter the flags on her masts, nor was there any of the usual activity on deck. Slowly, like a ghost, the barge sailed farther and farther out onto the open sea. When the shore disappeared from view, she suddenly became alive. On curt military orders, a couple of soldiers in UAR uniform began feverishly rolling up the vast tarpaulin that covered the load. The "load" proved to be a military transport helicopter bearing a freshly painted UAR Air Force identification sign. Any specialist examining the craft, would have seen at once that it was a US-made helicopter of the latest make. Inside was a small military vehicle specially adapted for desert conditions. Eleven soldiers and an officer boarded the helicopter and shortly afterward it took off and disappeared into dark. . .

For the guard at the small railway bridge, the appearance at dawn of a car with Arab soldiers was not unexpected. They had been notified that a relief was on the way. The only thing that surprised the man in charge was the number of soldiers making up the relief. But he had no time to mention his doubts to the others before the men from the car fired on them. Four Arab soldiers fell to the ground. The officer in charge of the new arrivals gave an order in a foreign language. Three of his team finished off the mortally wounded guards with their knives as they writhed on the ground. A few minutes later the bridge was blown up. Again an order was given. The car with the UAR army identification vanished behind the nearest sand-dune. A little later the helicopter whirled into the air and was off towards the sea. . .

... Odessa welcomes tourists coming to the Soviet Union. Thousands of them visit our country every year. An American tourist, Feiga Crown, wished to visit the USSR and particularly Odessa where, she claimed, she had "a host of acquaintances." There were indeed people she knew there. They were most hospitable and spared neither time, nor

effort to help the "dear guest" from across the Atlantic to see the city. But Madame Crown was not much interested in sightseeing. The American lady, among other things, wanted to know about the passport regulations for the city of Nikolayev. Several times a day she would ask acquaintances to introduce her to somebody who could tell her about the cosmodrome in Baikonur. . .

Unlike Mme Crown, Mr. Dugan (also a foreign tourist) did not have acquaintances in Odessa. To get to know people he became a regular visitor to the city's crowded beach. It's not hard to strike up a friendship on the golden sand. The relaxed atmosphere and beach informality is conducive to making acquaintances quickly. . . Mr. Dugan knew his business well. He soon found people who could supply him with information and asked them questions such as the whereabouts of an enterprise, its output, technological innovations, plans for the future.

Eventually he found a person who carelessly answered these strange, to say the least, questions from a mere acquaintance. This was Soviet engineer V. who was employed at a plant in the Urals. He blurted out some things he should have kept mum about. . .

The Israeli saboteurs on Arab territory, Mme Crown and Mr. Dugan had different assignments, but all from the same place—the Israeli secret service.

The Israeli secret service. Yes, Israel has its own secret service, a "cloak and dagger" service functioning in that small state and very closely connected with international Zionism. International Zionism spawned its own secret services, which, after the formation of the state of Israel, gave rise to the Israeli secret service of the aggressive Tel Aviv circles that faithfully does their bidding.

Would you like a closer look at the Israeli secret service? Come along. At the head of all sections in the Israeli secret service is the so-called "central coordinating committee" directly subordinate to the Prime Minister. The committee is headed by a highly trusted person whose name is top secret. The committee supervises the activities of all the intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies in Israel, which include the following:

— the "Central Department for Intelligence and Security" or "Reshut mosad." This department is engaged in gene-

ral strategic and tactical intelligence abroad, both officially and illegally i.e., by planting its agents in foreign states;

— the “Counter-Intelligence Service”—“Sherut betahoni” or “Shinbet.” This service is engaged in counter-intelligence work and in recruiting agents in Israel from among foreign citizens coming there as tourists or on business;

— the “Military Intelligence Department”—“Sherut modein.” This department, like all sections of the Israeli secret service, is formally subordinated to the “Central Coordinating Committee.” Yet, in practice, it operates under the control of the General Staff of the Israeli Army and receives its orders directly from the Defence Minister. One of the major subsections of this department is the “Special Operations Service” including several units, among them “Special Group—100.” It is this special intelligence unit that was responsible for blowing up the railway bridge and killing the Egyptian soldiers. “Special Group—100” trains and uses its agents for murder, demolition jobs, arson and other subversive acts in Arab states adjacent to Israel. In other countries terroristic acts and sometimes subversion is handled by other special sections of the Israeli secret service, sections with corresponding code numbers: from 130 and on. These sections also organize anti-Arab provocations which are used to whip up propaganda campaigns. This happened in the case of an aircraft accident engineered in Switzerland. The agents of a section operating in West European countries also organized the sensational smuggling of five gun boats out of France.

Aside from the comparatively small regular staff of the Israeli secret service inside the country, the service uses the secret agents and even its own regular employees in Zionist organizations in the USA, Britain, the FRG and other imperialist states, and numerous agents scattered throughout the world. This specific nature of the operation of Israel's secret services is fully in conformity with the “theoretical foundations” of Zionism.

What does modern Zionism proceed from? From the classical premises of Zionist ideology; Zionism draws on anti-Semitism, preaches the existence of a “world” or a “single” Jewish “nation” which suffers eternal exile. Zionist ideologists planned to solve the “Jewish problem” by annexing alien lands, to create an independent state. Present-day Zionists state that the solution of the “Jewish problem” is

possible only through the "re-union of exiles." This making of the "unity of the Jewish nation" and its isolation an absolute in every way leads to the assertion that the Jews are the "chosen people," that the "Jewish race" is superior. One of the present-day Zionist ideologists, M. Liliental, writes: "An average Jew, from parents to child, you are exclusive: you are a Jew. . . Since Israel is called upon to unite the chosen people, and other peoples, it still remains something exclusive in the family of nations." Another author, I. Badi, says in his book *Religion in Israel Today. Relations Between the State and Religion*: "Israel is not a nation by nature, it bears no resemblance to any nation in the world. It is a super-natural society. . ."

It is this notion of "Jewish exclusiveness," this worn-out Zionist concept, which alleges that wherever a citizen of the Jewish nation lives he is a citizen of Israel and, consequently, must do everything international Zionism requires from him, that the Israeli intelligence service goes by. What is the approach of an Israeli secret agent in establishing relations with a person he is interested in? He approaches him as "one Jew would approach another." He only wants to know how "his brethren" live, what they are, what acquaintances they have, and so on and so forth. Then, if this trick does not work, more serious means are resorted to: bribery, blackmail, ordinary threats and even threats to kill. All this, of course, is accompanied by a good measure of reasoning about the necessity of being loyal to Jewry, by recalling "prophetic" utterances of Ben Gurion, the new Messiah of Zionism. "The Jews who lived (and consequently who live) outside Israel were atheists and violated Judaist commandments every day they spent outside the country," he claimed. "Every Jew must have an inner conviction that Zionism has one meaning today: 'Zion'. . . Israel must be the centre of world Jewry, its supreme torch and pride."

Is this not a total ideological offensive on the 12 million Jews who live outside Israel? Is this not the basis on which the Israeli secret service is recruiting its agents?

What is the Israeli secret service doing now? What is its problem No. 1? Today the main forces of Israel's special services have been given the task of providing information for Tel Aviv's aggressive strategy spearheaded against Arab states. Israeli spies and saboteurs will stoop to anything. They use smugglers, narcotics peddlers and misfits, in a

word, everybody who can be bought or intimidated, as their agents. . .

Of course, the Israeli secret service does not forget the socialist countries and the Soviet Union. It is actively working against them. True, since diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel were broken off, the Israeli secret service is finding it more and more difficult to work. Before, shielded by the Israeli Embassy in Moscow, resident agents worked under the code name of "Netiva" and the Embassy's Second Secretary Colonel Levanon, who was the agents' chief, succeeded (blessed are those who believe!) in establishing some contacts with Jewish citizens. Now there are no such opportunities.

This is the reason why representatives of the Israeli secret service are looking for suitable "tourists" visiting this and other socialist countries to use them as spies and beguilers of naive souls, still believing that Mount Zion is only a peaceful refuge of the Jews who assembled there to live by the principles of the Old Testament.

By the way, Mme Crown and Mr. Dugan stayed for a while in Tel Aviv before coming to the Soviet Union.

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The Octopus's Tentacles

A big parcel arrived from Tel Aviv by mail. It contained a nice-looking brochure well illustrated, with map and diagrams, entitled *The Middle East in the Year 2000. A Project*. The "peace association" founded in Israel in 1968, which circulates the "project," asks recipients to express their views as to what is in store for the Middle East at the turn of the century and obligingly supplies them with "source data" and "experimental ideas."

In short, the idea is to think of the future of the Middle East and to forget the past and the present. It is suggested that we abstract ourselves from the urgent problems of today, forget Israel's continuing aggression against Arab countries and not think of the necessity for prompt action to eliminate the consequences of aggression and reach a peaceful settlement in this "hot spot" of the planet.

But let us first glance through the pages of the past and turn to the facts of today: this is essential for understanding Tel Aviv's "experimental ideas" for the year 2000.

The state of Israel has existed for slightly more than two decades. All this time, the country's ruling circles have served as instruments of imperialist aggression. The Israeli soldiery reared by international Zionism has repeatedly unleashed war against Arab countries, and caused millions of Arabs untold suffering.

War has become the bloody business of Israeli rulers. There is good reason why ex-Premier of Israel Ben Gurion, once told foreign newspapermen that the dirtiest trick the Arabs could have played on Israel would have been to conclude a peace with her.

Israel's finances have long been undermined, but military expenditures are soaring because Israeli ruling circles have pawned and sold their country to foreign capital time and again. The country is known to have received more than 7,000 million dollars from abroad by the time of the June 1967 war—chiefly from the USA and the FRG—in all kinds of assistance, private capital investments, donations, etc.

The "Bond" organization has sold more than a thousand million dollars' worth of Israeli securities abroad. A campaign has been launched to sell an additional 250 million dollars' worth of securities. The Bank of America agreed to grant Israel a 30 million dollar loan and the US Government promised assistance to the sum of 100 million dollars. Meanwhile, Israeli rulers have been raising taxes and forcing the masses to tighten their belts.

The war and the new capital received to back it have to a certain extent propped up Israeli economy which experienced a slump in 1966 and 1967. However, the economy is acquiring an increasingly one-sided, distorted nature for the war industry and military construction which consume almost half the state budget are being developed at the expense of other sectors. Israel not only produces armaments, it deals in them, as well. *Der Spiegel* writes that Israeli submachine guns, for instance, have been sold to 50 countries. West-German tankmen, Nixon's bodyguards and some special units of the "green berets" in Vietnam are armed with them. . .

The war, combined with Zionist propaganda designed to intimidate the Jewish population in other countries, has be-

come a source of manpower for Israel. *Le Figaro* wrote that Israel was different from any other state and that the most dangerous thing for it would be to have to live under normal conditions. . . Can one forget there was a time when the big problem was whether the decline in anti-Semitism might not undermine (!) the very foundation of the existence of the Jewish state. The newspaper pointed out that Zionist ideologists and Zionist leaders could relax now. The newspaper which fervently defends the interests of Israeli rulers leaves no doubt that they are deliberately attempting to fan anti-Semitism in other countries, as Ben Gurion once recommended, in order to get Jews to replenish Israeli gun-fodder reserves. But it is also true that the pro-Zionist press deliberately hushes up the number of people leaving Israel after having to contend with the way of life in the "Promised Land."

Last but not least, the adventurist plans of the Israeli top leaders regarding the seizure of fresh territories, the wealth of the Arab countries, are connected with the war too. The sentiments prevailing in Tel Aviv regarding this were eloquently expressed by a Minister of the Israeli Government, General Ezer Weizmann, who said: "What you call occupied territories I call Israel."

When the Minister was asked about plans for creating an Israeli inhabited centre in the area of the occupied Arab city of Hebron, he said:

"Hebron was, is and will be a part of Israel. King David was crowned there, and there he reigned for seven years and six months (!)".

The Tel Aviv general was referring to Israel's three-thousand-year-old mythical "rights." The Zionist fanatic is not embarrassed by the fact that his claims are as absurd as, say, the demand to revive the Roman Empire, the Arab Caliphate or the empire of Charles the Great.

Incidentally, the reference to King David is not so much a tribute to the past as an attempt to somehow cover up the aggressive essence of present-day Zionist ideology and policy. The newspaper, *Le Figaro*, was more frank than General Weizmann when it openly declared: Israel "is a state of 'commandos' which organizes 'commando' raids and pursues a 'commando' policy."

Such recognition of the adventurist, predatory essence of the policy of the present Israeli rulers gives a very definite

colouring to the "experimental ideas" expressed by the authors of the "project" of Tel Aviv's "peace association," who propose that we visualize the year 2000.

The authors of the "project" assume that "all the present Arab states and Israel will exist in 2000" and that the "Palestinian problem will be solved either within the frameworks of the existing Arab state (?) or through the newly developing Palestinian state." It is hard to understand these extremely vague utterances regarding the "Palestinian problem." In view of what Golda Meir and other representatives of the Israeli rulers are saying today one can draw but one conclusion: the Israeli Zionists are trying to deny the very fact of the existence of the Palestinian Arab people, their right to national distinctiveness. The Tel Aviv vultures are advocating the Dayan doctrine of "accomplished facts": what has been seized from the Arabs will on no account be returned.

One can easily see that when the authors of the "project" talk about certain "Palestinians," this is nothing but an attempt to slur over this thorny problem and to reassure world public opinion that is seriously concerned about the destinies of the Palestinian people.

Refraining from determining the borders in the Middle East the "oracles" claim that by 2000 the borders will, so to speak, lose their significance. Yes, national states will exist but the "borders will be open," cooperation between countries "will overstep national borders." One can easily see what is behind these fine words of the authors of the "project."

At the turn of the century, they estimate, the population of the United Arab Republic will number 50-60 million, Israel—five million, Iran—60 million, Iraq—about 20 million, the Lebanon—five million. But according to economic indices Israel, it seems, will allegedly be able, with the help of the imperialist powers, primarily the United States, to far outstrip all other countries in the area. Israel will supposedly possess the most experienced technical specialists, the most perfect equipment, etc.

Under these conditions, according to the authors of the "project," it will be up to Israel to work for the establishment of a "common market" of the Middle East countries, a market whose supra-national authorities would allegedly control oil, industry and agriculture, the reclamation of de-

serts, the construction of irrigation systems, etc. This "common market," according to their plans, will closely cooperate with the existing Common Market, as well as the "common market" of Southeast Asia and the "common market of Maghreb," which, it is assumed, will be established.

The picture of the future, as portrayed by the "peacemakers" from Tel Aviv, proceeds from the assumption that by the year 2000, not much will change in the life of the Middle East countries. Their role is to be merely a source of oil and agricultural products; to manufacture light industry goods (except for the UAR that has its own heavy industry). The Israeli colonialists are obviously "planning" that these countries will be short of educated personnel, TV sets and computers, and unable to cope with the problems of deserts and water. Apparently in view of this it will be up to Israel to shape the destinies of the Middle East.

And in the Tel Aviv "project" we see not a "command" state, but an octopus state with its tentacles stretching to the Middle East oil, to sources of water, to seas in the area and deserts. In the activities of the octopus, backed by the monopolies of the USA, Britain and Western Germany, one can see the long familiar behaviour of the colonialists of all brands who for decades have been strangling the peoples of Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran and other countries in the area.

That is the kind of future that Tel Aviv wants to impose on the Middle East.

Yet the future is not a relapse into the past. The peoples of the area definitely do not want to mark the year 2000 with a revival of the century-old colonialist order. "Imposing Israeli terms on the Arabs, turning the territory of their countries into a sphere of undivided American influence in which Israel would play the part of mediator, expert and watchdog" is an unrealizable aim, says the Cairo newspaper *Al-Coumhouria*. The Arab peoples believe in their future and are fighting for it.

World Zionism and the Israeli ruling circles have now become a major tool of imperialist reaction. And this kind of role played by Israel is a most unreliable guarantee of its future. That is precisely why progressives in that country, those really concerned with the destinies of the Israeli people, reject the adventurist policies of the Tel Aviv rulers, and jointly with the peoples of the Arab countries and all progressive mankind, work to end the Israeli aggression,

to eliminate the consequences of the aggression, for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

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Fascism under the Blue Star

Many people associate the word "fascism" with the horrors of the Second World War, the brown columns of Hitler's stormtroopers, the swastika, the phalanges of Franco's thugs, the blackshirts of Mussolini, the smouldering ruins of cities and villages, the barbed wire of death camps, the haggard faces of those who survived the torture chambers. . .

And then one recalls the final—the Nuremberg Tribunal. The chief war criminals, fascists, were pilloried there by history and sent to the gallows. They got their due.

Now, twenty years after the Nuremberg Trial, we watch neo-Nazism rise in the FRG and see another brand of modern fascism burgeon under the Israeli state flag showing a six-pointed blue star, the "star of David" against a background of blue and white.

This is also the flag of Zionism and of its head organization, the World Zionist Organization, founded towards the end of the last century. This organization, whose real bosses are money-bags and owners of major world monopolies, tries to usurp the "right" to speak in the name of the world Jewry.

Zionist leaders and Israeli rulers demand that Jews, wherever they may live, under whatever social system, fulfil "duties" which are, in fact, incompatible with their citizenship and civic loyalty.

Founded at the turn of this century, Zionist organizations had, by the mid-20th century, become an essential element in the ideological arsenal of imperialism and its aggressive policy.

On the world scene Zionism is a bitter opponent of Marxism-Leninism—the proletarian ideology. Organizationally, the Zionist movement is widely ramified and far-flung.

The ideologists of Zionism seek to impart to this reactionary philosophy certain features that would make it at least outwardly different from other reactionary ideologies and give them scope for manoeuvre. They try, ignoring facts, to take over, as their own the traditions and activities both of Jewish religious communities and secular organizations that existed long before the advent of Zionism; to build a modern political structure on a historical foundation and to combine the two into a single system that would serve as a cover for aggressive imperialist strivings.

Zionist leaders try to convince people that Zionism is an "exceptional," "supraclass" phenomenon and to give it "theoretical" substantiation. They turn to specially selected myths and religious dogmas in an attempt to sanctify and "ennoble" the aims of Zionism.

The whole system, the model, designed by Zionists to prove to the world the "irrefutability" of the Zionist ideology, which is actually not at all complex, is comprised of axioms, i.e. assertions taken for truth. We believe that this problem should be approached not as a system of axioms, but rather as a set of theorems which have to be proved.

The evidence thus produced is confirmed by experience, objective realities, history, ethnography, and biology. How can anyone, claiming scientific objectivity, earnestly assert that the ancient peoples—the Philistines, Assyrians, Canaans, Sumerians had all vanished, dissolved in the boundless human ocean, while a small people which, incidentally, had never been great conquerors or had founded a mighty empire, has survived contrary to the logic of history?

It has been rightly said that the myth, even if disguised as science, is not a discovery of the 20th century. But, as someone has said: "Myths purporting to stem from science may have dire social consequences. One need only recall the racial myth which originated within the confines of pure science." Thus it has long been scientifically established that the ancient Jewish people have long dissolved among other peoples. Only the word "Jew" survived and became the traditional name for numerous ethnic groups widely dissimilar, and far removed from one another anthropologically, living in different geographical areas and national states. Religious Jews share one thing in common—Judaism and traditions associated with it.

A. B. Ranovich, a well-known scholar who has thorough-

ly examined this question, pointed out that the principal process of ethnic division of the ancient Hebrews continually took place and became more marked in the course of historical development and socio-economic and political changes, and it ended in the total disappearance of this people which became absorbed by the peoples inhabiting the Near East, Southwest Asia, Africa and Europe.

Nevertheless, the untruth that there exists a "world Jewish nation," "the eternal nation" has been turned by Zionists into a sacred dogma.

A second dogma upheld by the Zionist and zealously propagated by the synagogues is "the special mission of the Jewish people, a people chosen by God; its superiority to all other peoples and its special innate gifts." Ben Gurion, former Israeli President, said in an interview with Gertrude Samuels, a US journalist, soon after the "six-day" war, that its outcome confirmed the words of Prophet Moses contained in the Torah and addressed to the Jews: "You are not numerous amid other peoples and therefore you must be 'am segula'. I am not able to give you the exact translation of these words," said Ben Gurion, "but the meaning is this: you must be better than other peoples." Ilya Ehrenburg had once made the following comment in connection with such arguments: "Dwarfs need stilts, and people lacking self-assurance usually shout about their racial, inherent national supremacy."

Zionists ought to be thankful to Hitler, for the mad Fuehrer in his *Mein Kampf* upheld the principal tenet of Zionism when he spoke about the existence of "a world Jewish nation," "the Jewish race."

Still another Zionist dogma consists in the claim that "anti-Semitism is century-old." According to Zionists, all non-Jews are their sworn enemies and must be hated.

The synagogue, the mainstay of the Zionist regime in Israel, has done much to propagandize this dogma, especially among those of Judaic faith. For them it is consoling to live in the ethereal world of Judaism with its simple values which differ so widely from "earthly" values. But this very simplicity tends to alienate them from the outside world, and creates the impression that the world beyond their community, Judaism, fenced off by the invisible walls of the moral ghetto, is something inferior and ill-ordered.

The results of the polls recently held in Israel reveal a

frightening picture of degeneration of social consciousness in Israeli society.

In reply to the question of what they thought about the demolition of Arab dwellings on occupied territory, 86 per cent of those polled said they welcomed these acts, 7 per cent said they did not care (the Second World War showed that indifference is also a crime) and only 7 per cent were against the acts. Such are the fruits of Zionist ideological indoctrination. These are indisputable facts. Numerous eyewitnesses have testified that the Israeli military have perpetrated pogromist actions on occupied Arab territory.

Three Jordanian villages, Zeita, Beit Nuba and Yalu, were situated near the Israeli border at a distance of 45 kilometres from Jerusalem. The four thousand inhabitants of these villages cultivated grapes which the monks of the Latrun monastery made into wine. These villages have disappeared without a trace. On June 12, 1967, they were blotted out by the Israeli Army. International law qualifies such actions as genocide, as a crime against humanity.

For this, as well as other crimes, did the nations of the world condemn the Nazi butchers after the defeat of fascism.

Now a group of people, opposing itself to the nations of the world, is turning into a bunch of gangsters, into a fascist horde.

Differences between social groups, the social psychology of an outsider have always been exploited by the darkest forces. I would like to quote the following words from a recent issue of a magazine: "Nobody can deny a German the right to be a German, but when Hitler counterposed all that is German to all that is human there arose national socialism with all its implications." In exactly the same way, no one can deny the right of an Israeli Jew to be a Jew, but when Zionism counterposed all that is Jewish to all that is human, there arose the tragedy of the Palestinian people, and a protracted conflict erupted whose outcome is hard to foresee and which has already given rise to a whole series of complex problems.

Thus the Israeli Communists are right when they say that the pathological nationalistic egoism of Zionist chauvinists represents the most dangerous aspect of their position. This is a danger which overhangs not only the Arab popula-

tion of North Africa and West Asia but the rest of the world. It is a threat to world peace.

Zionists threaten to kindle the flames of war because they have no concern for anyone else but themselves.

The Israeli policy of steady escalation of tensions in the Middle East, the piratical operations of the Israeli Air Force and land units, the atrocities perpetrated by the Israeli military on occupied Arab lands are reminiscent of the Nazi crimes. Like the Nazis, Zionists today go all out to brainwash the Jewish youth, to poison their minds forever ideologically.

The Israeli Ministry of Public Education issued a directive which says in the part concerning the Arab population in Israel: "Arabs in Israel are the fifth column either voluntarily or under coercion." Military training in Israeli schools takes up 272 hours a year. In the last two years of the eight-year school more hours are allotted to the study of the Torah than to that of all mathematical subjects combined.

In the four-year gymnasium (which follows the eight-year school) more hours are allotted to the study of the Torah than to the study of the language and history. But Israeli rulers are not content with this. Thus they have introduced a subject called "national consciousness," which strongly suggests rabid chauvinism.

No wonder that Israeli children are always ready with the answer to the question: "What is to be done with the Arabs?" "Kill them!" they say.

Another mystification is the conception of Zionism as the Jewish liberation movement, which is a highly specific form of nationalism. But the advocates of this conception "omit" to mention that this brand of Zionism is espoused by the big Jewish bourgeoisie, and it is only after some time, under the impact of brainwashing which the Zionists have used for duping Jewish working people, that it came to be accepted by some Jewish communities.

The myth of "universal anti-Semitism," and one version of it known as "official and universal anti-Semitism in the USSR" feature prominently in the Zionist ideological struggle against socialism. And what evidence have the Zionists offered for such claims? Zionist propaganda does not need any. Absurd concoction will do! Insolence is what counts. Pour out lies in defiance of logic and common sense! All the better if the concoctions are preposterous; they may more

quickly attract attention, and someone may well fall for them.

The purpose of such lies and concoctions is to justify the anti-Soviet and anti-communist activities pursued by the worldwide network of Zionist organizations.

The Zionist brand of anti-communism has been given "theoretical" substantiation. A document put out by Zionists, dated 1898, has been preserved in the State Archives of the October Revolution. It says in part: "Socialism is a mortal enemy of the Jewry, of the idea of the Jewish nation."

In its struggle against communism Zionism goes to any lengths, skilfully resorting to camouflage and assuming the role of a champion of universal social progress (for the purpose of misleading non-Zionists and those who do not know what Zionism stands for).

It resorts to manoeuvres and chicanery in order to knock together alliances that might win a maximum number of supporters and sympathizers for the Zionist cause.

Using demagoguery, Zionists try to incite the base instincts of people and turn them against "objectionable" parties and individuals.

In October 1967, an attempt was made on the life of Meir Vilner, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Israeli Communist Party. Vilner had dared to raise his voice against the policy of aggression and national suicide, pursued by the Israeli rulers. A reign of terror was let loose against the "only party that has courageously condemned the pro-imperialist policy of Tel-Aviv. Every day orders of the Vorster type were issued to restrict the travel of Communists inside the country (. . . forbidden without permit. . . to leave the area... for more than...); arrests without warrants and trial, beatings and tortures of the arrested have been reported. People were beaten in the streets while being arrested and in prison cells. It looked very much like Germany of the Third Reich," commented the *African Communist*, the organ of the Communists of South Africa.

One of the aims of Zionism as an agent of modern imperialism is to arrest progressive social changes. To this end it widely resorts to police brutality and pogroms for suppressing opposition.

The older generations of Riga residents have a lot to tell about the activities of the "Trumpeldor," a Zionist-fascist organization, whose hoodlum-like members raided the Lat-

vian Young Communist League and Communist organizations, disrupted and dispersed YCL meetings in the 1930s.

The *International Herald Tribune* has recently carried reports about an organization called the Jewish Defence League, founded in the USA by Rabbi Meir Kahane. Its members became notorious the world over for their hoodlum sallies at concerts given by Soviet musicians.

The League took part in anti-Soviet demonstrations in front of the building of the Soviet Mission to the UN in New York; its members raided the Aeroflot and TASS offices there. The *Herald Tribune* account of the activities of the hoodlums of the Jewish Defence League began with the words: "Violence if necessary." Violence is in vogue in the USA today, as well as terrorist reactionary organizations like the American Legion, the John Birch Society, which are closely linked with the Jewish Defence League. Fuehrer Kahane maintains contacts with the American Jewish Committee, an ultra-reactionary organization. It is not accidental that the League members take training courses in karate wrestling.

Let us now consider the more dangerous if less noisy Zionist elements which have considerable influence over the attitudes and policies of the governments of a number of countries with respect to Israel and its aggressive course. "The deep rear" of Israel is far removed from the Middle East, said Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister. It is formed by Zionist organizations operating openly in more than 60 countries in line with the instructions issued by the World Zionist Organization and formulated in New York.

The reference-book *Associations in the USA* published in New York, shows that nearly 5 million 800 thousand American Jews are united in various organizations, and committees. Considering the fact that many people apparently belong to several organizations at the same time it is safe to assume that Zionist bosses want to make believe that they enjoy the support of practically all Jews living in the US.

Political Affairs, the theoretical organ of the US Communist Party, drew attention to the attempts of Zionists to extend their popular base. It stressed that the big and middle bourgeoisie exert a powerful influence on American Jews, urging them to support the aggressive government po-

licy, and fostering in them anti-communist and anti-Soviet sentiments.

The B'nai B'rith (i. e. the sons of the Eternal Union), one of the biggest Zionist organizations, is also one of the fanatic anti-communist organizations. It has nearly 500,000 members united in over 2 000 lodges, and functioning in 42 countries. Its headquarters is in Washington. In order to carry out subversive activities more effectively and to be as close as possible to the East European socialist countries, the Zionist bosses stationed the office of one of the main B'nai B'rith branches in West Berlin. Members of B'nai B'rith include financiers, statesmen, politicians, writers, critics—the “intellectual elite.” Under the B'nai B'rith Charter its members are allowed to join any parties and organizations. The B'nai B'rith structure is similar to that of the Free Mason Society. The members must obey their superiors absolutely and pledge utmost secrecy.

B'nai B'rith members use special signs and passwords as means of identification. Mention should also be made of such organizations as the B'nai B'rith Women and their affiliation—the B'nai B'rith Organization; Hadassah, a women's Zionist organization; the Jewish Labour Committee, a right-wing social-democratic organization; the Association of Zionist Organizations of America and others.

The National Committee for Labour Israel and the World Union of Progressive Judaism also carry out pro-Israeli activities and organize pro-Israeli propaganda campaigns.

Besides these major organizations there exist hundreds of minor organizations promoting the cause of Israel.

The vast funds at the disposal of Zionists, donated by big bankers and monopolists, enable them to influence the broadest strata of the US population, to recruit supporters from among non-Jewish people, to engage in active Zionist propaganda in the press and to pay for services rendered by influential US politicians and Congressmen.

In 1964, 146 Zionist-oriented papers, weeklies and monthly magazines with a total print running into millions of copies, were published in English in the USA. According to the *Washington Post*, the US propaganda-makers have so effectively brainwashed the country's population that twelve out of thirteen Americans think that the Arabs were the first to attack Israel. The *Jewish Daily Forward*, which

celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding in May 1967, is particularly zealous in its attempts to impress Zionist ideas on American Jews. This is an extremely reactionary publication. We mention it here because it exerts a profoundly noxious influence upon the US labour movement.

Its Editor-in Chief, Abram Kagan, has held his post for 50 years. Kagan's hatred for the Soviet Union is so intense that he automatically considers any fact about Soviet reality a negative phenomenon. As one US journalist wittily put it, Abe Kagan cannot forgive Soviet Russia the fact that there are no Jewish pogroms there.

Zionists do their utmost to camouflage the sweeping scope of their activities, to appear as a weak, inconspicuous group.

One of the favourite methods of the Zionists is to raise a hue and cry about any anti-Zionist action, calling it "a foul act of anti-Semitism." Currently in fashion is the term "neo-anti-Semitism" which is used by Zionists in labelling anyone who tries to tell the truth about Zionism.

But despite all efforts by the Zionists to cover up their activities more and more facts are coming to light which show the world public the true face of Zionism.

The documents of the Second Congress of the Comintern contain interesting information (even for a modern reader) about subversive Zionist activities in the workers' and communist movement. Comrade Frumkina, a delegate to the Congress, said the following: "Zionists seek to recruit supporters in all countries, serving the interests of capitalists by their propaganda and agitation work. The Communist International must fight this movement most resolutely."

The Second Congress of the Comintern condemned Zionism as a weapon of imperialism in the *Theses on the National and Colonial Question*, which was drafted by a group headed by Lenin. Point XI says in part: "The Palestinian venture of Zionists and Zionism in general convincingly demonstrate how the Entente imperialists and the bourgeoisie join forces in an attempt to deceive the working masses."

This warning by the Second Congress of the Comintern is highly relevant today. Thus Zionism was condemned at the Moscow International Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties in June 1969.

Zionism is undoubtedly an extremely dangerous variety

of modern anti-communism and racialism. The big bourgeoisie leans on it as heavily as it once leaned on fascism. And this is not surprising, for fascism and Zionism are spiritual and political twins. Only the symbols have changed. Instead of the swastika, there is now the Star of David on the standards of the self-styled crusaders for Lebensraum.

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